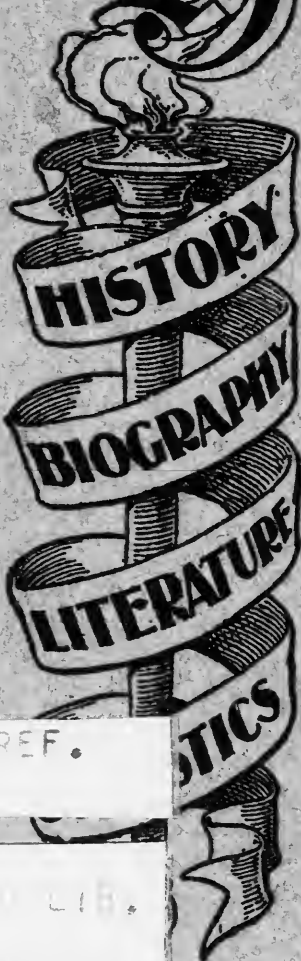


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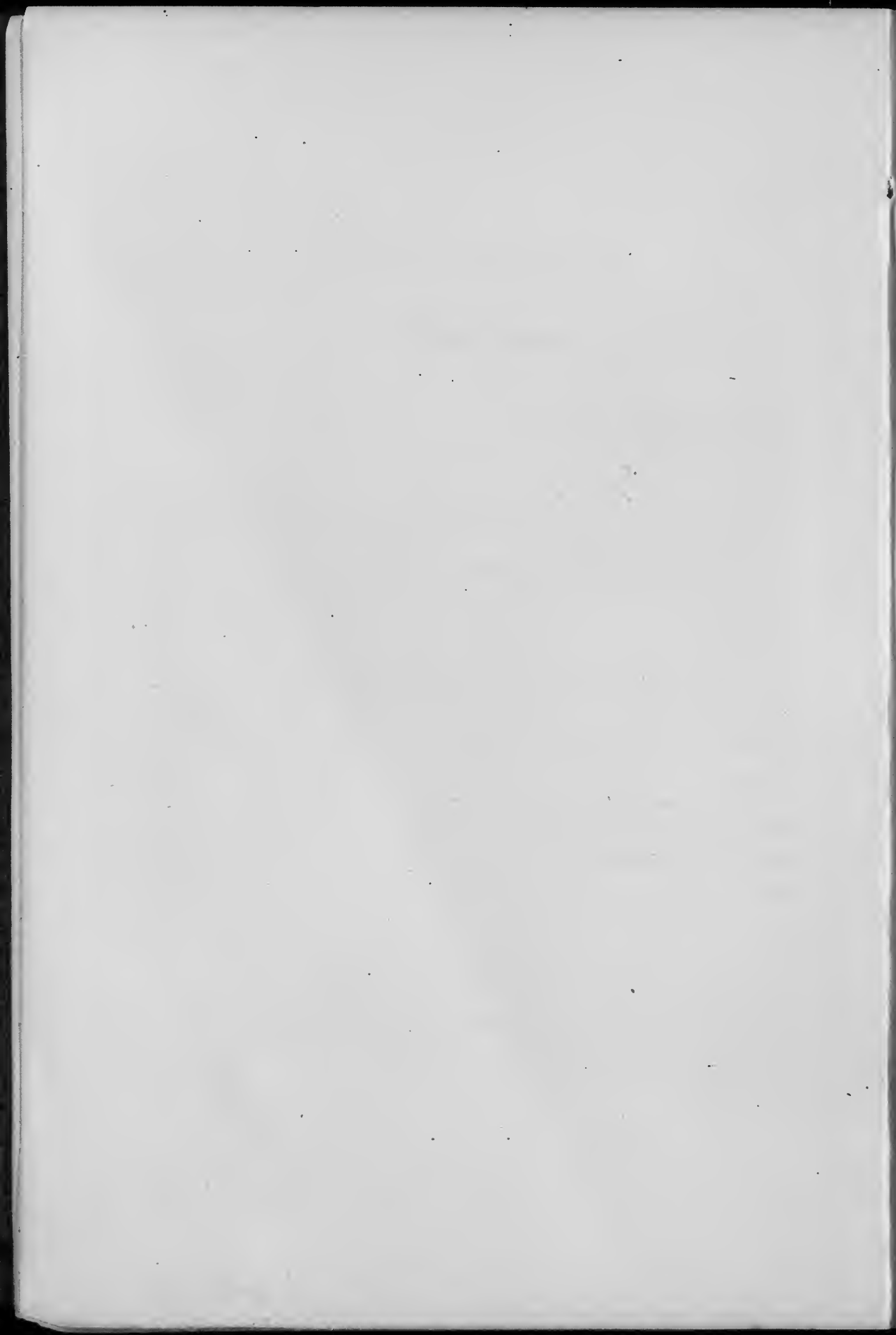
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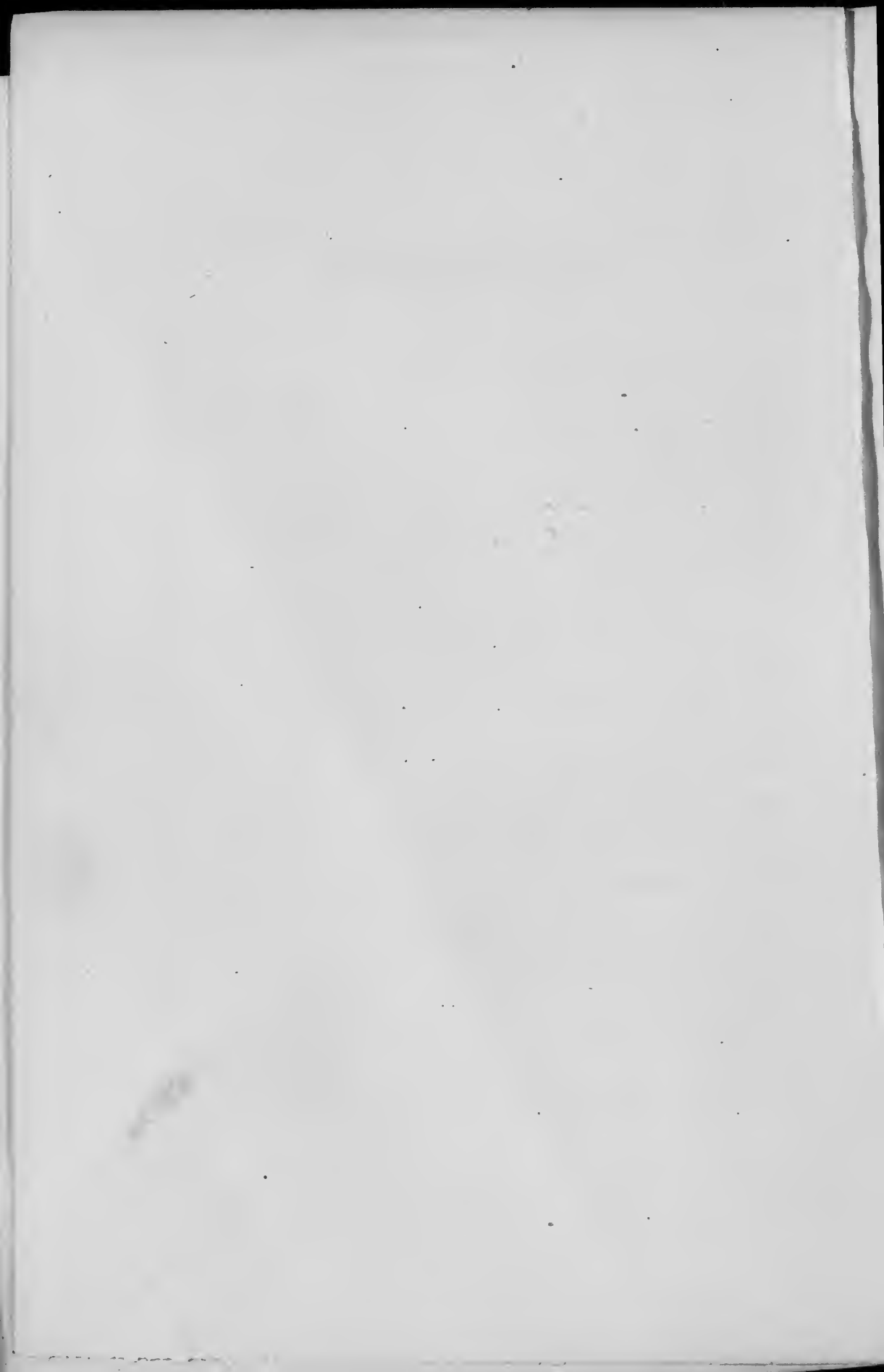
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SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK

FOR 1909.

EDITORIAL WORDS.

As we write "Editorial Words," and thus close our literary work on the SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK for 1909, we find ourselves steeped in a sense of relief. The work of preparing the year book of a great Church is of a kind to tax mind and nerves. Yet we find joined to our sense of relief a spirit of gratitude. No one can inspect and arrange in literary form the facts, plans, and ambitions of our beloved Southern Methodism without being impressed with the fact that God is using this Church in a wonderful way to carry out his mighty purposes. In sending out this publication we are not only supplying an *omnium gatherum* of Southern Methodism, but sounding down the lines Jehovah's proclamation of victories won. In looking over the record of 1908 we may appropriately and fervently say: "What hath God wrought!"

Again we carry into the new year the consciousness that the brethren are growing in grace—the grace of answering letters. We are happy to record that there are at this writing fewer of the "saints" who have refused to answer our letters than there were at this time last year. However, we have looked in vain for some letters which we expected the postage we had sent to bring to us again.

We happened last spring to refer publicly to the HANDBOOK as "The Methodist Tool Chest." We soon saw that we had made a hit. The Methodist mind saw

that we had truthfully named the HANDBOOK. It is a "Tool Chest." It is full of just such tools as every intelligent Methodist worker needs. And every Methodist should be a worker.

We again refer to the fact that Church statisticians in Southern Methodism will never agree in determining the number of members, local preachers, and traveling preachers until there be some uniform definition of "local preacher" and "traveling preacher." The General Conference should take some action. Some Annual Conference Secretaries count a local preacher who is a "supply" as a "traveling preacher." Other Secretaries count him as a "member." In some cases the "traveling preachers" include "local preachers" who are at the same time included in the number of "local preachers." We are doing the best possible under the circumstances. We think that our figures for "traveling preachers," "local preachers," and "members" are as near what they should be as can be determined.

Please remember that during December quite a number of Conferences were held, and that some changes were made in the official personnel too late to be indicated in the HANDBOOK.

One of the most important departments of the HANDBOOK is that devoted to biography. It is the duty of Southern Methodism to read and preserve the life records of her workmen. We have in this volume quite a list of these workmen. Some of them labor in high places; others in humbler fields. All are princes of the realm. There are many not represented in this volume who are every whit as worthy of public presentation as those whose brief biographies we have been publishing from year to year.

Those who suppose that the preparation of the HANDBOOK involves simply the use of scissors and paste are greatly mistaken. The most difficult work of the editor is determining just what to choose and what to reject, and where to place that which is chosen. Every division and paragraph in this volume was selected with a view to its practical worth to one who is seeking to glean the most from the smallest field.

We hope to have in the next HANDBOOK a list of the editors of Conference journals. The blanks will be prepared to this end. We have a list of the Secretaries of Annual Conferences, but not every Secretary is the editor of the journal. By the way, we have been trying to arrange for an alphabetical list of the preachers of Southern Methodism, with post office addresses. There are great difficulties in the way of preparing such a list for publication as early in the year as the HANDBOOK is published.

We have not been able to find that more than six traveling preachers in Southern Methodism withdrew from the Church during 1908 to join other Churches. There were probably more than this number. On the contrary, we find that thirty-four ministers of other Churches were received into the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, divided as follows: ten from the Methodist Episcopal Church, eight from the Protestant Methodist, five from the Congregational Methodist, three from the Cumberland Presbyterian, two from the Congregationalist, two from the Missionary Baptist, one from the Presbyterian (U. S. A.), one from the Christian Union, one from the Christian, and one from the Church of the Nazarene.

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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

It is evident that soul-saving has been the uppermost idea in the minds and hearts of Southern Methodist preachers during 1908. They have not allowed the material interests of the Church, important as they are, to become paramount. The spirit of the Great Commission has been active and triumphant, as is shown by the figures.

The net gain in membership for the year is 52,830. The total

membership, including preachers, is 1,768,003. There is great encouragement in these figures.

The following table shows the increase in membership for the last seven years. Only the figures for the lay membership are given:

1902.....	Members, 1,518,232.....	Net gain, 12,991
1903.....	Members, 1,549,449.....	Net gain, 31,635
1904.....	Members, 1,574,663.....	Net gain, 25,214
1905.....	Members, 1,613,300.....	Net gain, 38,646
1906.....	Members, 1,662,572.....	Net gain, 49,263
1907.....	Members, 1,704,254.....	Net gain, 38,295
1908.....	Members, 1,756,792.....	Net gain, 52,538

Total gain for the seven years.....248,582

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following figures represent only the scholars. The addition of officers and teachers would increase the sum total by several thousands. The gain in number of scholars is very gratifying, and the gap between the number of Church members and the number of Sunday school scholars is gradually becoming narrower. "A Sunday school scholar for every member of the Church" should be our motto.

Sunday school scholars for 1908.....	1,203,235
Sunday school scholars for 1907.....	1,137,842

Net gain in scholars..... 65,393

Intensive work in the Sunday school is receiving much more attention than before. A study of our activities in the field of the Sunday school will show that the appreciation of a good teacher is growing, and that the Church has at last recognized the fact that in order to do the best work we must have well-trained teachers.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League has had a good year. This interest of the Church combats positive indifference, if not hostility, on the part of many of those people who should be the leaders in this great work. The figures show that there has been an increase of 9,458 members.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Paid for bishops, 1908.....	\$ 62,317
Paid for presiding elders, 1908.....	494,700
Paid for preachers in charge, 1908.....	3,609,011
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Total for bishops, presiding elders, and preachers in charge in 1908.....	\$4,166,028
Total for bishops, presiding elders, and preachers in charge in 1907.....	4,086,740
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Net increase for 1908.....	\$ 79,288
Paid for Conference claimants, 1907.....	\$ 246,418
Paid for Conference claimants, 1908.....	241,087
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Net decrease for 1908.....	\$ 5,331
Total paid for bishops, presiding elders, preachers in charge, and Conference claimants for 1908.....	\$4,407,115
Total paid for bishops, presiding elders, preachers in charge, and Conference claimants for 1907.....	4,333,998
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Net increase for 1908.....	\$ 73,117
Average per member for 1908.....	\$ 2 50
Average per member for 1907.....	2 84

Southern Methodism began the work of the year 1908 with bright prospects of paying a phenomenally large amount for ministerial support. The prospects have not materialized; yet the amount paid is gratifying, and must be considered very large when it is remembered that the year 1908 was one of great financial depression throughout Southern Methodism. We trust that the figures of 1909 will show a great gain, instead of a loss, for Conference claimants.

MISSIONS.

The figures show a loss in receipts for Foreign Missions. This is to be regretted. Pleasing gains are made in receipts for Domestic Missions and Church Extension.

Paid for Foreign Missions, 1908.....	\$ 373,941
Paid for Domestic Missions, 1908.....	285,948

Total for Foreign and Domestic Missions (including specials), 1908.....	\$ 685,474
Total for Foreign and Domestic Missions, including specials), 1907.....	683,210
Net gain for 1908.....	\$ 2,264
Paid for Church Extension, 1908.....	\$ 148,580
Paid for Church Extension, 1907.....	124,175
Net gain for 1908.....	\$ 24,405
Paid by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for 1908..	\$ 204,062
Paid by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for 1907..	183,438
Net gain for 1908.....	\$ 20,624
Paid by Woman's Home Mission Society for 1908.....	\$ 476,944
Paid by Woman's Home Mission Society for 1907.....	464,491
Net gain for 1908.....	\$ 12,453
Total from all sources for Missions, 1908.....	\$1,526,204
Total from all sources for Missions, 1907.....	1,455,316
Net gain for the year.....	\$ 70,888
Average paid per member for Missions, 1908.....	86 cents

THEN AND NOW.

FROM 1845 TO 1909.

	1845.	1908.
Bishops	5	10
Annual Conferences.....	16	47
Pastoral charges.....	1,002	(1907) 5,642
Traveling preachers.....	1,474	6,334
Local preachers.....	2,750	4,877
Members	458,499	1,761,669
Foreign Missions.....		\$ 373,941
Domestic Missions.....	\$ 55,654	285,943
Woman's Foreign Missions.....		204,062
Woman's Home Missions.....		476,944
Foreign missionaries (Gen. Board)		112

Foreign missionaries (Wom. Bd.).. .. .		79
Church Extension.....	\$	148,580
Conference claimants.....	\$	17,845
Education		160,833
Educational institutions.....	13	168
Baptisms (adult).....(1886)	33,485	(1907) 74,136
Baptisms (infant).....(1866)	14,739	29,779
Sunday schools.....(1866)	3,585	(1907) 14,955
Sunday school scholars.....(1866)	158,458	1,203,235
Epworth League members.....		138,573
Church edifices.....		(1907) 15,815
Value church edifices.....(1886)	\$	10,251
Parsonages		2,030
Value parsonages.....(1886)	\$	2,247,288
		\$ 7,660,291

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North Alabama Conference.—Rev. John W. Newman, Decatur, Ala.
North Carolina Conference.—Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, Wilmington, N. C.
North Georgia Conference.—Rev. John W. Heidt, Atlanta, Ga.
North Mississippi Conference.—Rev. J. R. Countiss, Greenville, Miss.
North Texas Conference.—Rev. R. G. Mood, Greenville, Tex.
Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.—F. S. Montelongo.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Rev. John M. Barcus, Georgetown, Tex.
Pacific Conference.—Rev. William Acton, Salinas, Cal.
St. Louis Conference.—Rev. M. T. Haw, Jackson, Mo.
South Carolina Conference.—Rev. E. O. Watson, Marion, S. C.
South Georgia Conference.—Rev. W. F. Smith, Quitman, Ga.
Southwest Missouri Conference.—Rev. C. C. Woods, St. Louis, Mo.
Tennessee Conference.—Rev. George L. Beale, Franklin, Tenn.
Texas Conference.—Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, Pittsburg, Tex.
Virginia Conference.—Rev. S. S. Lambeth, Bedford City, Va.
West Texas Conference.—Rev. Sterling Fisher, San Marcos, Tex.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Rev. William L. Sherrill, Greensboro, N. C.
Western Virginia Conference.—Rev. W. I. Canter, Fairmont, W. Va.
White River Conference.—F. M. Daniel, Mammoth Springs, Ark.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

- Alabama Conference.*—Rev. W. S. Street.
Arkansas Conference.—Rev. William Sherman.
Baltimore Conference.—Rev. W. H. Best, Baltimore, Md.
Florida Conference.—Rev. N. H. Williams, Jacksonville, Fla.
German Mission Conference.—Rev. C. A. Lehmborg, Castell, Tex.
Illinois Conference.—Rev. C. Henley, Worden, Ill.
Kentucky Conference.—Rev. C. A. Teague, Richmond, Ky.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. W. F. Evans, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Louisiana Conference.—Rev. N. E. Joyner, New Orleans, La.

Memphis Conference.—Rev. P. H. Fields.

Mississippi Conference.—Rev. W. T. Griffin.

New Mexico Conference.—Rev. George H. Givan, Melrose, N. Mex.

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. R. M. Archibald, Birmingham, Ala.

North Carolina Conference.—Rev. R. H. Willis, Tarboro, N. C.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. B. F. Fraser, Gainesville, Ga.

North Mississippi Conference.—Rev. W. S. Lagrone, Winona, Miss.

North Texas Conference.—Rev. J. M. Peterson, Station A, Dallas, Tex.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Rev. H. Bishop, Corsicana, Tex.

Oklahoma Conference.—Rev. O. E. Goddard, Muskogee, Okla.

Pacific Conference.—Rev. J. A. Wailes, Stockton, Cal.

St. Louis Conference.—Rev. M. B. Henry, Dexter, Mo.

South Georgia Conference.—Rev. W. H. Budd, Macon, Ga.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Rev. W. T. McClure, Nevada, Mo.

Tennessee Conference.—Rev. D. C. Kelley.

Texas Conference.—Rev. J. B. Sears, Galveston, Tex.

Virginia Conference.—Rev. E. H. Rawlings, Richmond, Va.

West Texas Conference.—Rev. A. L. Scarborough, Beeville, Tex.

Western North Carolina Conference.—Rev. W. H. Willis, Waynesville, N. C.

White River Conference.—Rev. Fred Little, Moreland, Ark.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SECRETARIES OF EDUCATION.

Alabama Conference.—Rev. J. S. Frazer, Evergreen, Ala.

Florida Conference.—Rev. I. C. Jenkins, Sutherland, Fla.

German Mission Conference.—Rev. C. A. Lehmberg, Castell, Tex.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. T. D. Scott, Texarkana, Ark.

Louisiana Conference.—Rev. J. A. Rice, New Orleans, La.

Memphis Conference.—Rev. W. J. Mecoy, Martin, Tenn.

Mississippi Conference.—Rev. Robert Selby, Natchez, Miss.

New Mexico Conference.—Rev. C. S. Wright, El Paso, Tex.

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. F. P. Culver, Birmingham, Ala.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. John S. Jenkins, Rome, Ga.

North Mississippi Conference.—Rev. T. W. Lewis, Columbus, Miss.

North Texas Conference.—Rev. C. M. Harless, Sherman, Tex.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Rev. Jerome Duncan, Stamford, Tex.

Oklahoma Conference.—Rev. George G. French, Duncan, Okla.

Pacific Conference.—Rev. R. E. Nunn, Orosi, Cal.

St. Louis Conference.—Rev. R. L. Russell, 5951 Garfield Street, St. Louis, Mo.

South Carolina Conference.—Rev. W. C. Kirkland, Dillon, S. C.

South Georgia Conference.—Rev. T. D. Ellis, Macon, Ga.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Rev. C. E. Pattillo, Kansas City, Mo.

Texas Conference.—Rev. E. W. Solomon, Huntsville, Tex.

Virginia Conference.—Rev. James Cannon, Jr., Blackstone, Va.

White River Conference.—Rev. A. E. Holloway, Augusta, Ark.

DATES IN 1908 OF CONNECTIONAL INTEREST.

JANUARY.

2. Important Sunday School Conference in Boston.

18. Death of Professor Joshua H. Harrison, at San Antonio, Tex.

18. Destruction by fire of the large printing establishment at Richmond, Va., printing the *Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate*.

19. Dedication of the Central Methodist Church in Kansas City.

21. Conference of the Secretaries and Representatives of the Annual Conference Boards of Missions in Nashville, Tenn.

23. Banquet by the men of McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn.

28. Meeting of the six Commissioners on Union in Japan, in New York City.

FEBRUARY.

1. Death of Mrs. Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, in her ninety-third year, at Petaluma, Cal.

6. Banquet given by Greensboro Female College, at Greensboro, N. C.

7. Alabama Student Conference at Greensboro, Ala.

11. Meeting of the Fifth Religious Education Association in Washington City.

12. Bishop Galloway delivers an address before the Union League Club of Brooklyn, N. Y.

14. Annual debate between Vanderbilt University and Trinity College, in Nashville, Tenn.

18. Bi-Methodist Missionary Convention at Oklahoma City, Okla.

20. Death of Senator A. C. Latimer, of South Carolina, in Washington City.

21. Death of Rev. L. W. Crawford, D.D., of the Western North Carolina Conference.

MARCH.

2. Death of Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Spartanburg, S. C.

10. First International Convention of Young People's Societies, at Pittsburg, Pa.

25. The Baltimore Conference convenes.

APRIL.

2. Committee on Organization of the Federal Council meets in New York.

2. Laying of the corner stone of Carolina College, at Maxton, N. C.

7. Death of Rev. J. E. Armstrong, D.D., of the Baltimore Conference.

9. John R. Mott begins his series of addresses before the faculty and students of Vanderbilt University.

12. Death of Morris Harvey, of Fayetteville, W. Va.

21-23. Laymen's Conference, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

22. Meeting of the Book Committee at Nashville, Tenn.

23. Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Nashville, Tenn.

23. Meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Board in Louisville, Ky.

24. Meeting of the Epworth League Board at Nashville, Tenn.

26. Rev. George Jackson, of Toronto, Canada, begins the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University.

MAY.

1. Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions at New Orleans.

5. Board of Church Extension meets at St. Joseph, Mo.

6. General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meets in Baltimore.

9. Board of Missions meets at St. Joseph, Mo.

9. Annual commencement exercises of Scarritt Bible and Training School begins.

9. Death of President H. Carr Pritchett, of Galveston, Tex.

10. Church Extension Loan Fund Day.
19. Meeting of the Board of Education and the Educational Conference at Atlanta, Ga.
20. Meeting of the laymen of the Alabama Conference at Montgomery.
23. Fraternal address of Dr. Collins Denny before the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JUNE.

6. Death of Mrs. Bishop A. W. Wilson, in Baltimore.
16. Meeting of the Sunday School Editorial Association in Louisville, Ky.
18. International Sunday School Convention is opened in Louisville, Ky.

JULY.

3. Southern Conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement meets at Biltmore, N. C.
4. South Brazil Mission Conference meets at Porto Alegre, Brazil.
17. Bishop Candler delivers fraternal address before the British Wesleyan Conference.
18. Executive Committee of Laymen's Missionary Movement meet at Monteagle, Tenn.
20. Southern Female College, La Grange, Ga., destroyed by fire.
21. Home Mission Educational Conference meets at Huntington, W. Va.
23. Brazil Mission Conference meets at Juiz de Fora, Brazil.
23. Bishop Seth Ward sails from San Francisco for the Orient.

AUGUST.

13. Denver Conference convenes at Pueblo, Col.
23. Missouri Conference convenes at Hannibal, Mo.

SEPTEMBER.

2. Japan Mission Conference convenes at Arima, Japan.
2. Southwest Missouri Conference convenes at Warrensburg, Mo.
9. Kentucky Conference convenes at Middlesboro, Ky.
10. Montana Conference convenes at Butte, Mont.
16. Korean Mission Conference convenes at Songdo, Korea.
16. St. Louis Conference convenes at Charleston, Mo.
16. East Columbia Conference convenes at Milton, Oregon.

- 17. Western Virginia Conference convenes at Webster's Springs, W. Va.
- 24. Illinois Conference convenes at Murphysboro, Ill.
- 24. New Mexico Conference convenes at Portales, N. Mex.
- 30. China Mission Conference convenes at Shanghai, China.
- 30. Louisville Conference convenes at Owensboro, Ky.

OCTOBER.

- 6. Death of Rev. R. G. Porter, of the North Mississippi Conference, at Memphis, Tenn.
- 7. Pacific Conference convenes at Santa Rosa, Cal.
- 7. Holston Conference convenes at Knoxville, Tenn.
- 14. The corner stone of Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta, Ga., is laid.
- 14. Tennessee Conference convenes at McMinnville, Tenn.
- 15. Meeting of the Hospital Commission, representing the three Conferences in Arkansas.
- 15. Los Angeles Conference convenes at Redlands, Cal.
- 21. Death of Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg, of the South Carolina Conference.
- 22. Columbia Conference convenes at Portland, Oregon.
- 22. German Mission Conference convenes at Castell, Tex.
- 28. West Texas Conference convenes at Gonzales, Tex.

NOVEMBER.

- 6. The Oklahoma Conference meets at Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 11. The Northwest Texas Conference meets at Waco, Tex.
- 11. The Memphis Conference meets at Covington, Tenn.
- 11. The Virginia Conference meets at Norfolk, Va.
- 13. Georgia Students' Missionary League meets at Macon, Ga.
- 16. The Missionary Institute meets at Raleigh, N. C.
- 18. The North Georgia Conference meets at Gainesville, Ga.
- 18. The Western North Carolina Conference meets at Asheville, N. C.
- 18. The North Alabama Conference meets at New Decatur, Ala.
- 18. The North Texas Conference meets at Greenville, Tex.
- 18. The Arkansas Conference meets at Van Buren, Ark.

DECEMBER.

- 2. The Federal Council meets in Philadelphia.
- 2. The North Mississippi Conference meets at Water Valley, Miss.
- 2. The South Georgia Conference meets at Quitman, Ga.

9. Death of William F. Vandiver, at Montgomery, Ala.
9. The Alabama Conference meets at Greensboro, Ala.
9. The Mississippi Conference meets at Yazoo City, Miss.
9. The Louisiana Conference meets at Leesville, La.
9. The North Carolina Conference meets at Durham, N. C.
16. The White River Conference meets at Jonesboro, Ark.
16. The Florida Conference meets at Miami, Fla.

NUMERICAL TABLE.
FROM JANUARY 1, 1908, TO JANUARY 1, 1909.

CONFERENCE.	Members, Including Local Preachers.	Traveling Preachers, Not Including Supplies.	Local Preachers.	Number of Preachers Admitted on Trial.	Number of Preachers Who Have Died.	Number of Locations.	Number of Infants Baptized.	Sunday School Scholars.	Epworth League Members.
Alabama.....	62,716	189	157	9	3	1	1,008	40,061	4,832
Arkansas.....	26,708	98	133	3	.....	3	840	*19,793	2,100
Baltimore.....	57,443	242	87	13	6	.....	1,533	47,637	9,663
Brazil Mission.....	4,446	33	10	.....	.....	1	341	2,308	1,222
Central Mexico Miss.....	3,021	21	25	1	.....	1	209	1,708	516
China Mission.....	2,353	*65	32	1	.....	.....	106	2,228	916
Columbia.....	1,778	13	15	1	.....	15	23	969	433
Cuban Mission.....	2,847	31	20	.....	.....	.....	154	2,157	675
Denver.....	1,917	16	10	.....	.....	.....	30	1,749	521
East Columbia.....	2,005	25	25	1	.....	.....	37	1,970	748
Florida.....	28,919	142	103	6	8	3	758	18,788	4,037
German Mission.....	1,720	15	16	2	.....	1	117	1,273	233
Holston.....	62,528	257	211	7	1	4	1,192	64,450	5,665
Illinois.....	6,798	34	48	4	1	.....	114	5,409	613
Oklahoma.....	44,947	225	370	12	2	8	964	31,674	5,785
Kentucky.....	29,481	123	89	6	2	.....	301	17,573	1,849
Korea.....	3,562	18	6	.....	.....	.....	271	3,049	.....
Little Rock.....	37,825	116	125	6	1	.....	595	29,333	3,118
Los Angeles.....	3,865	24	22	1	.....	.....	34	4,054	1,240
Louisiana.....	33,264	171	79	10	.....	3	1,146	22,589	2,233
Louisville.....	50,963	185	162	5	4	2	590	31,121	2,830
Memphis.....	69,083	171	159	10	4	.....	768	42,992	1,916
Mexican Border.....	2,338	22	14	.....	.....	.....	163	2,202	421
Mississippi.....	52,934	158	124	4	2	3	1,345	27,942	2,770
Missouri.....	48,169	219	94	7	1	3	320	29,372	7,185
Montana.....	994	17	2	1	.....	2	18	1,163	317
New Mexico.....	4,706	47	43	8	.....	3	147	4,023	1,021
North Alabama.....	80,015	226	280	14	6	3	964	51,558	3,920
North Carolina.....	73,558	191	104	7	1	.....	788	55,653	2,233
North Georgia.....	110,767	232	298	13	6	2	1,300	63,044	3,064
North Mississippi.....	53,333	169	92	5	5	.....	633	26,844	2,014
North Texas.....	54,244	206	132	8	2	2	735	35,725	4,990
N. W. Mexican Miss.....	1,456	21	23	.....	.....	.....	104	1,247	440
Northwest Texas.....	98,006	388	*363	23	5	1	1,901	69,810	11,822
Pacific.....	7,766	72	31	1	.....	2	165	7,155	2,175
St. Louis.....	34,013	133	102	8	1	.....	778	27,189	4,663
South Brazil Mission.....	158	8	8	.....	.....	.....	124	1,010	544
South Carolina.....	85,955	268	109	3	10	.....	1,861	47,214	3,002
South Georgia.....	78,231	254	180	16	3	2	1,419	42,895	5,994
Southwest Missouri.....	36,081	176	71	11	2	.....	230	27,063	6,274
Tennessee.....	67,838	240	187	12	4	.....	779	41,333	3,265
Texas.....	62,057	214	159	9	3	3	1,349	41,610	5,248
Virginia.....	104,379	302	89	13	4	.....	1,286	73,864	4,135
West Texas.....	29,100	136	88	5	3	1	429	23,607	4,270
Western N. Carolina.....	86,543	233	158	15	3	4	1,605	64,217	2,906
Western Virginia.....	23,696	106	112	2	.....	3	335	23,893	3,093
White River.....	27,143	74	110	4	3	2	370	20,712	1,662
This year.....	1,761,669	6,334	4,877	287	96	78	29,779	1,203,235	138,573
Last year.....	†1,709,022	6,205	4,768	307	107	61	27,696	1,137,842	129,115
Net gain.....	52,647	129	109	.....	.....	17	2,083	65,393	9,458
Net loss.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Figures marked by a star () are for 1907.

†After adding 3,337 members due Tennessee Conference for last year.

MISSIONS—JANUARY 1, 1908—JANUARY 1, 1909.

CONFERENCE.	Foreign.	Domestic.	Church Extension.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'y	Woman's Home Mission Society.	Total for Missions.	Special for Missions.	Specials for W. F. M. S.
Alabama	\$ 13,989	\$ 9,505	\$ 5,894	\$ 5,028	\$ 10,935	\$ 45,354	.....	.....
Arkansas	5,132	3,550	1,844	2,490	5,198	18,215	.....	.....
Baltimore	13,878	12,019	7,497	5,619	11,950	50,964	.....	.....
Brazil Mission	52	1,588	401	.....	.....	2,042	.....	.....
Central Mexico	1,113	.....	94	.....	.....	1,207	.....	.....
China Mission	317	.....	835	.....	.....	1,153	.....	.....
Columbia	500	500	210	.....	.....	1,210	.....	.....
Cuban Mission .....	.....	1,474	464	.....	.....	1,939	.....	.....
Denver	442	268	199	34	1,761	2,707	.....	.....
East Columbia	428	328	219	.....	1,771	2,758	.....	\$ 10
Florida	4,375	6,442	2,643	.....	.....	13,461	.....	.....
German Mission	806	908	167	.....	64	1,946	.....	.....
Holston	11,466	10,767	5,163	6,353	19,893	60,606	\$ 4,232	2,732
Illinois	238	293	268	.....	313	1,164	.....	.....
Oklahoma	4,936	8,504	5,873	*924	*29,488	49,725	.....	.....
Kentucky	6,852	4,277	2,232	4,518	6,566	26,057	1,524	87
Little Rock	7,088	4,476	3,193	135	467	15,360	.....	.....
Los Angeles	1,116	1,440	593	1,250	4,993	9,399	.....	5
Louisiana	4,853	5,651	2,235	3,847	12,344	28,990	.....	.....
Louisville	9,193	6,792	3,257	7,099	7,856	36,662	1,980	481
Memphis	13,441	6,497	5,694	8,211	20,680	54,524	.....	.....
Mexican Border	478	.....	101	.....	579	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi	9,165	9,296	3,819	*3,871	*14,101	40,252	.....	.....
Missouri	12,444	7,921	4,943	3,482	10,480	43,194	3,269	653
Montana	462	640	211	.....	1,160	2,474	.....	.....
New Mexico	532	950	471	.....	*6,411	8,364	.....	.....
North Alabama	14,957	7,577	5,611	5,397	20,007	57,757	4,206	.....
North Carolina	15,920	11,664	6,304	8,747	12,189	54,826	.....	.....
North Georgia	24,920	17,636	7,952	22,605	34,884	107,929	.....	.....
N. Mississippi	9,765	7,047	4,089	4,728	16,288	41,919	.....	.....
North Texas	11,827	8,296	4,543	4,580	15,824	45,071	.....	.....
N. W. Mex. Mis.	628	.....	104	.....	.....	733	.....	.....
Northwest Texas	14,937	17,574	8,733	6,375	*40,933	88,554	.....	.....
Pacific	2,233	1,477	1,109	802	8,175	14,908	705	405
St. Louis	7,104	5,025	3,127	5,869	22,010	56,887	7,042	6,708
South Carolina	19,183	17,321	6,863	12,398	7,058	62,824	.....	.....
South Georgia	32,019	21,513	6,366	*25,418	*23,296	108,613	.....	.....
S. W. Missouri	7,614	7,538	3,388	7,525	16,156	42,223	.....	.....
Tennessee	15,199	8,958	6,167	8,859	14,744	56,463	2,534	.....
Texas	10,002	10,558	5,360	4,069	35,786	65,778	.....	.....
Virginia	34,744	14,459	8,271	13,930	12,722	84,128	.....	.....
West Texas	6,169	9,265	2,980	3,295	16,894	38,604	.....	.....
Western N. C.	19,504	12,706	5,938	12,736	1,451	52,337	.....	.....
Western Virginia	1,302	1,344	1,274	1,942	4,666	10,677	91	58
White River	2,553	1,888	1,863	1,917	7,487	15,710	.....	.....
1908	\$373,941	\$285,948	\$148,580	\$204,062	\$476,944	\$1,526,204	\$25,585	\$11,141
1907	387,204	270,572	124,175	183,438	464,491	1,455,316	.....	.....
Gain .....	.....	\$15,376	\$24,405	\$20,624	\$12,453	\$70,888	.....	.....
Loss	\$13,263	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Figures marked by a star are for 1907.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—JANUARY 1, 1908, TO JANUARY 1, 1909.

CONFERENCE.	Bishops.	Presiding Elders.	Preachers in Charge.	Conference Claimants.	Education.	American Bible Society.
Alabama.....	\$ 2,408	\$ 25,414	\$ 133,781	\$ 11,675	\$ 9,420	\$ 736
Arkansas.....	769	7,494	43,254	3,328	1,691	232
Baltimore.....	2,548	12,765	132,019	14,936	3,389	735
Brazil Mission.....	43	618	9,141	695	.....	97
South Brazil Mission.....	.....	199	665	.....	.....	.....
Central Mexico.....	55	.....	784	53	.....	36
China Mission.....	9	.....	3,771	79	.....	73
Columbia.....	.....	550	4,701	373	*139	13
Cuban Mission.....	.....	.....	1,418	.....	.....	21
Denver.....	81	610	7,348	291	50	7
East Columbia.....	72	984	8,521	251	1,026	15
Florida.....	943	10,776	91,440	5,689	.....	226
German Mission.....	78	456	5,331	306	133	83
Holston.....	2,177	17,168	113,396	7,695	4,240	947
Illinois.....	149	1,856	12,580	398	76	30
Oklahoma.....	875	16,730	111,256	3,470	*2,607	319
Korea.....	.....	.....	574	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	1,098	8,175	68,971	3,219	3,150	565
Little Rock.....	1,388	12,917	81,780	7,459	2,549	234
Los Angeles.....	201	2,313	20,266	1,576	197	*53
Louisiana.....	1,017	13,075	90,721	5,163	2,700	258
Louisville.....	1,521	12,431	93,322	4,660	4,130	491
Memphis.....	2,569	14,443	118,473	8,600	3,045	723
Mexican Border.....	38	.....	1,473	136	.....	17
Mississippi.....	1,856	13,518	115,818	9,128	3,879	1,413
Missouri.....	2,232	13,532	116,725	7,679	4,094	308
Montana.....	85	728	6,380	333	63	44
New Mexico.....	133	2,663	20,256	400	121	86
North Alabama.....	2,513	21,784	139,663	8,765	9,452	483
North Carolina.....	2,684	16,874	134,554	6,063	8,641	726
North Georgia.....	4,226	25,717	182,875	19,919	11,649	813
North Mississippi.....	1,933	13,627	107,384	5,604	5,801	993
North Texas.....	2,062	19,567	115,766	6,438	6,837	804
Northwest Mexican Mission.....	29	7	1,298	39	.....	15
Northwest Texas.....	3,146	35,914	235,318	13,591	*8,377	957
Pacific.....	542	4,672	40,372	1,932	1,081	110
St. Louis.....	1,290	11,233	87,943	4,554	2,767	250
South Carolina.....	2,941	22,971	181,443	10,001	1,633	722
South Georgia.....	2,788	21,741	173,748	12,206	*12,998	877
Southwest Missouri.....	1,514	11,998	101,185	6,565	2,851	368
Tennessee.....	2,810	14,117	115,886	7,367	4,240	395
Texas.....	2,376	20,245	137,838	7,391	6,056	413
Virginia.....	3,606	20,483	99,418	14,092	6,752	1,723
West Texas.....	1,295	12,994	90,518	6,122	4,075	555
Western North Carolina.....	2,621	17,021	138,136	8,468	7,592	680
Western Virginia.....	626	6,929	51,515	1,776	12,115	103
White River.....	954	7,375	59,967	2,584	1,202	92
Total, 1908.....	\$62,317	\$494,700	\$3,609,011	\$241,087	\$160,833	\$18,860
Total, 1907.....	63,101	476,377	3,547,262	246,418	177,085	19,800
Net gain.....	.....	\$18,323	\$61,749	.....	.....	.....
Net loss.....	\$784	.....	.....	\$5,331	\$16,252	\$940

* Figures marked by a star are for 1907.

OUR BISHOPS LIVING AND DEAD.

Joshua Soule.—Elected in 1824; and died March 6, 1867, near Nashville, Tenn., at the age of eighty-five.

James Osgood Andrew.—Elected by the General Conference of 1832. Died at Mobile, Ala., March, 1871, at the age of seventy-six.

William Capers.—Elected by the General Conference of 1846. Died at Anderson Courthouse, S. C., January 29, 1855, at the age of sixty-five.

Robert Paine.—Elected by the General Conference of 1846. Died at Aberdeen, Miss., October 19, 1882, at the age of eighty-two.

Henry Biddleman Bascom.—Elected by the General Conference of 1850. Died in Louisville, Ky., September 8, 1850, at the age of fifty-four.

George F. Pierce.—Elected by the General Conference of 1854. Died near Sparta, Ga., September 3, 1884, at the age of seventy-three.

John Early.—Elected by the General Conference of 1854. Died at Lynchburg, Va., in November, 1873, at the age of eighty-seven.

Hubbard Hinde Kavanaugh.—Elected by the General Conference of 1854. Died in Columbus, Miss., March 19, 1884, at the age of eighty-two.

William May Wightman.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died in Charleston, S. C., February 5, 1882, at the age of seventy-four.

Enoch Mather Marvin.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died in St. Louis, Mo., November 26, 1877, at the age of fifty-four.

David Seth Doggett.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died in Richmond, Va., October 27, 1880, at the age of seventy.

Holland Nimmons McTyeire.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died February 15, 1889, at the age of sixty-four.

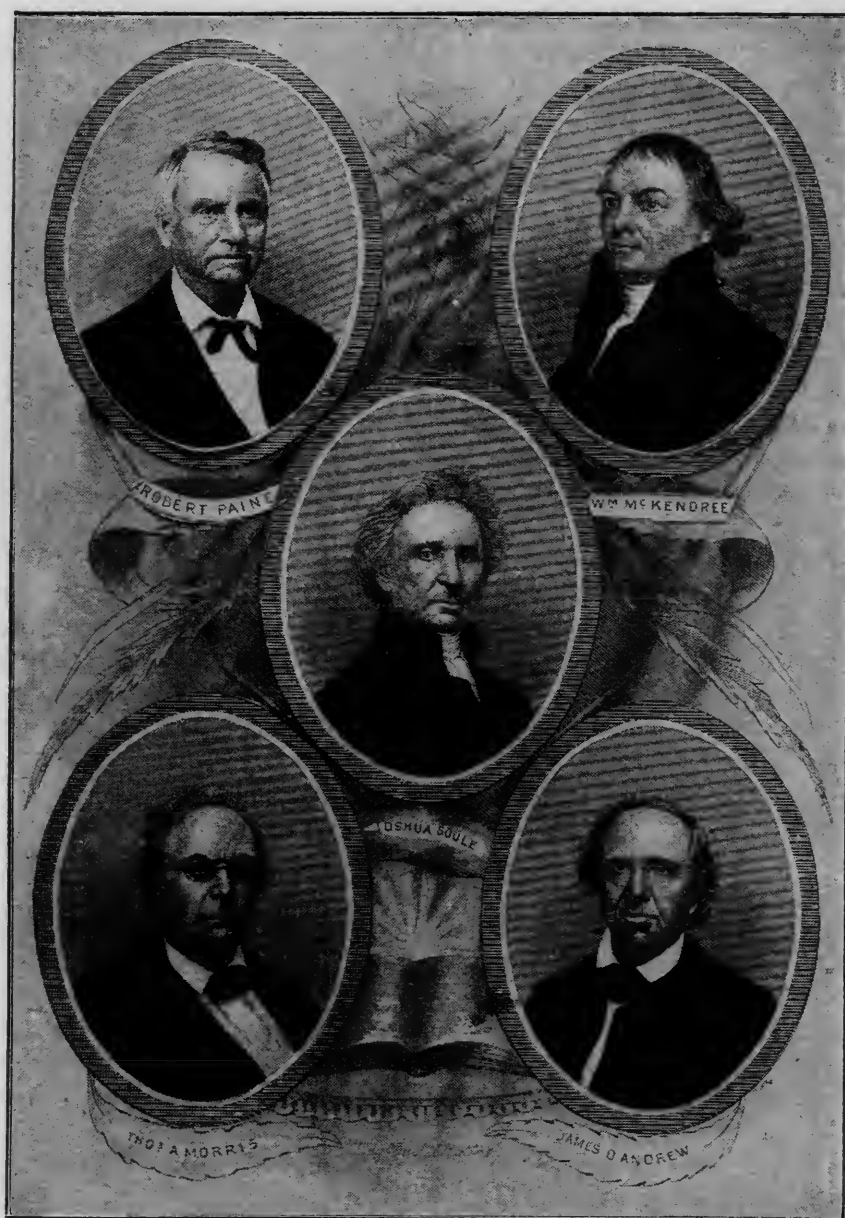
John Christian Keener.—Elected by the General Conference of 1870. Died in New Orleans January 19, 1906, at the age of eighty-four.

Alpheus Waters Wilson.—Born February 5, 1834. Elected by the General Conference of 1882.

Linus Parker.—Elected by the General Conference of 1882. Died March 6, 1885, at the age of fifty-five.

John Cowper Granbery.—Elected by the General Conference of 1882. Died April 1, 1907, at the age of seventy-seven.

Robert Kennon Hargrove.—Elected by the General Conference of 1882. Died in 1905.



William Wallace Duncan.—Born December 27, 1839. Elected by the General Conference of 1886. Died March 2, 1908.

Charles Betts Galloway.—Born September 15, 1849. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Eugene Russell Hendrix.—Born May 17, 1847. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Joseph Staunton Key.—Born July 18, 1829. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Atticus Greene Haygood.—Elected Bishop by the General Conference of 1890. Died in 1896.

Oscar Penn Fitzgerald.—Born April 24, 1829. Elected by the General Conference of 1890.

Warren Akin Candler.—Born August 23, 1857. Elected by the General Conference of 1898.

Henry Clay Morrison.—Born May 30, 1842. Elected Bishop by the General Conference of 1898.

Elijah Embree Hoss.—Born April 14, 1849. Elected Bishop by the General Conference of 1902.

Alexander Coke Smith.—Elected by the General Conference of 1902. Died at Asheville, N. C., December 27, 1906, at the age of fifty-seven.

John James Tigert.—Elected by the General Conference of 1906. Died November 21, 1906, at the age of fifty.

Seth Ward.—Born November 1, 1858. Elected by the General Conference of 1906.

James Atkins.—Born April 18, 1850. Elected by the General Conference of 1906.

A PLEA FOR THE HOSPITAL MOVEMENT.

BY DANIEL MORTON, M.D., IN (NASHVILLE) CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The human body is the most marvelous physical product of divine creation. It represents, so far as we know, the supreme creative effort of the Almighty. It stands as the *summum bonum* of the physical universe. During life it serves as the habitation of the soul: "Ye are the temple of the living God." At death, though allowed to return to its original elements, we have the assurance that it shall be resurrected in the life to come and perpetuated through the ages of eternity. In order to accomplish his divine mission, Christ assumed the human form and became flesh and dwelt among men. His attitude toward the bodies of

men was ever that of the deepest solicitude. We think so much of him as the Saviour of souls that we lose sight of him as the Saviour of bodies. When was there ever a suffering human body that appealed to him in vain for help? As he went about proclaiming the plan of salvation he carried healing to the sick and afflicted. Did you ever stop to think what a large part of his ministry was devoted to the work of healing bodies? Matthew says he went about healing "all manner of sickness." Luke speaks of him as preaching the gospel and "healing everywhere." In these two statements we have the completeness of this phase of Christ's work on earth. It was all manner of sickness, nothing excepted, and it was everywhere, no place excepted. If God the Creator and God the Son deem the human body of so much value, is it necessary to argue that the Church, standing as the representative of God on earth, should concern itself with the physical well-being of man?

Protestantism has been slow in awaking to her duty as a healing agent. Catholicism has recognized it for hundreds of years, and her systems of hospitals encircle the globe. For many years following the Civil War our Church did almost nothing along the line of social service for humanity. The reason for it one does not have far to seek. The end of this strife found our Church discouraged, its white membership reduced by a loss of 113,000, its Church press destroyed, hundreds of church buildings burned, many of its institutions penniless, and its people in abject poverty. We are still in the constructive era, for reorganization and rehabilitation have not yet succeeded in restoring the material interests of the white people of the South. Southern Methodists struggled for years with the problem of securing the necessities of life, and during that period could not do anything toward helping others. For many that period has happily passed away, and for many more it is rapidly passing. We are entering upon another period—a period in which there is slowly accumulating something above and beyond the necessities of life. And with its coming signs are not wanting that our Church is girding up its loins to engage in that great field of Church endeavor represented by social service for humanity. Our Woman's Home Mission Society has nobly taken the lead and shown the way for the men to follow. Schools, missions, industrial homes, Wesley Houses, Institutional Churches, and other forms of social work have been formed and in successful operation for a number of years in many places. Our Church has seemed quick to recognize the need for all these avenues of Church endeavor. Until recently, however, hospital work has not been enterprised. The time has

come to seriously consider it, to carefully study it, and to engage in it along with other departments of helpful social endeavor.

Let us examine the census statistics to determine what are the hospital facilities of some of the States in which our Church operates and has its greatest strength. The ratios of admissions to population furnish the best available means of estimating what the number of hospitals found in a State mean to it. Let us take the number admitted to hospitals during 1903 per 100,000 of population. I am informed by the census bureau that these are the latest available figures. Our Southern States stand in the following order compared with other States in the Union: Missouri is numbered 15 in the list; Louisiana, 16; Virginia, 29; Texas, 30; Tennessee, 37; Kentucky, 38; Georgia, 41; Florida, 42; Alabama, 43; Arkansas, 44; North Carolina, 45; South Carolina, 48. There are so many negroes in the South that these figures do not represent the hospital facilities available for the whites; and so far as whites in the black belt are concerned, this fact must be taken into account. Still, the figures show that the larger part of our territory is not nearly so well supplied with hospital facilities as other sections of the United States. In this connection the following is interesting as showing the number of ecclesiastical hospitals for 1903 in the States enumerated above: Alabama, 4; Arkansas, 5; Florida, 1; Georgia, 3; Kentucky, 8; Louisiana, 3; Mississippi, 0; Missouri, 24; North Carolina, 5; South Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 11; Virginia, 1. There is therefore abundance of room for our Church to exploit this phase of Christian endeavor.

The hospital is necessarily a communal institution. Individuals cannot build and equip private hospitals for the exclusive use of themselves and their families. The average of wealth *per capita* in the United States will not admit of this. Our government has not yet reached that degree of paternalism where it will step in and build hospitals and maintain them for the common good. The business world will not undertake such enterprises without better assurances of financial profit than exist, for hospitals are not money-makers. Hospital stock is not sold on Wall Street. The income from patients will not build, equip, and maintain them. In 1903 it amounted to only forty-three per cent of actual maintenance of those hospitals entitled to be ranked among the benevolences. If, therefore, the individual cannot provide for himself hospital facilities, and if the State and the business world cannot or will not or does not, where can suffering humanity turn except to the Church? and is there any other organization which should be more willing to supply the need? For the reasons stated the work necessarily becomes benevolent in character

—that is, done without hope of reward, done for the sake of doing good, done because it is right to do it. The Church can as no other organization secure the coöperation of large numbers of individuals who will unite their small means in creating a fund of sufficient magnitude to create a communal hospital for the common good. Through the same channels an endowment or its equivalent, which is necessary in the maintenance of a hospital, can be supplied. Philanthropy of this kind thrives best and is most permanent when nurtured by the Church.

In no way can the Church make its influence felt so quickly among non-Church people and among the non-churched masses as through the medium of the hospital. It should come to the rescue of that portion of humanity which cannot care for itself when overtaken by sickness or injury--those whose daily wage supplies the necessities of life only, leaving no margin for the emergencies. The wealthy also who receive the benefits of hospital treatment are brought within the sphere of Christian influence. Both rich and poor are made to know by actual personal experience that the religion of Jesus Christ has benefited them in a material way; the sense of obligation is created, gratitude is aroused, the heart is softened, and the way prepared for getting right with God. As a means for reaching men and women incapable of approach through other channels, the hospital cannot be overrated. The Church must mean more and more to the everyday life of men if it hopes to influence them for God. The mission of the Church is to the world in its misery.

These conclusions are therefore believed worthy of thoughtful consideration:

1. The Church has a mission to the bodies of men as well as to their souls.

2. Hospitals are necessarily philanthropic enterprises, because the greater part of the beneficiaries cannot pay, for the service rendered, what it costs. Philanthropy thrives best in the Church; therefore hospitals should be a part of the regular work of the Christian Church.

3. The Catholic Church owes a large part of its strength, a large part of its influence with the world, to the magnificent systems of hospitals which it has maintained for hundreds of years the world over.

4. No field of social service for humanity will give such ready access to the hearts of men or put them in a condition so receptive to the gospel as that which alleviates the ills that flesh is heir to.

5. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should recognize the importance of hospitals as a field of Church work and plan a

general movement for the inauguration of a system of hospitals in the territory which it occupies.

St. Joseph, Mo.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized at Knoxville, Tenn., in September, 1907. At this Conference, where there were fifty-three representatives from the different Conferences of the Church, the plans were laid for the holding of a larger Conference at Chattanooga in April, 1908. This Conference met with 1,200 lay delegates present. There were also about 400 preachers present. At this Conference the organization was completed. An Executive Committee was elected to have charge of the Movement for two years.

Since the adjournment of the Conference the work of organization in the different Conferences has been going on. Nearly all of our Annual Conferences have elected their Conference leaders, and in two hundred and four of the districts the district leaders have been elected. A few over three thousand Churches have organized by the election of their Church leader and the Missionary Committee of five.

The laymen of the Church have taken hold of this Movement with great enthusiasm. It promises to be one of the greatest agencies for good in all the world. The laymen are showing themselves not only anxious but willing to participate in the work of the Church.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

1. This Movement shall be called the Laymen's Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The officers shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. There shall be an Executive Committee of nine laymen and the Secretary of the Board of Missions, who shall be *ex officio* a member of this committee. This committee shall have full power to act in the interim of meetings of the Central Committee.

3. The Central Committee shall consist of the Conference lay leader from each Annual Conference, to be chosen by the lay delegates to the Annual Conference, or, in case of no election, to be appointed by the Conference Board of Missions. They shall meet at the call of the Executive Committee. Each Conference



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shall elect also a vice leader, who in the absence of the leader by reason of death or other disability shall perform all duties required of leaders.

4. There shall be held a delegated Conference every two years at such time and place and with such delegation as the Central Committee may determine. The officers and Executive Committee shall be chosen by the Central Committee at the time of each biennial Conference. Vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee.

5. There shall be a Conference Committee in each Annual Conference. It shall be composed of one lay leader from each presiding elder's district, who shall be elected annually by the lay delegates to the District Conference. The leader of the Annual Conference shall be *ex officio* chairman of this committee.

6. There shall be a District Committee to be composed of one lay leader from each congregation to be selected by the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The lay leader of the district shall be chairman of this committee.

7. There shall be a Missionary Committee of five members or more in each individual Church, to be elected by the Church Conference, of which the lay leader for that Church shall be chairman.

8. All of these leaders, together with all members of the Movement, shall be within the limits and subject to the directions and constituted authority of the Church, and shall work in coöperation with the Parent and Conference Board of Missions.

The unit of administration in this Plan of Organization is the leader. The Annual Conference, District, and Church leaders are so related to each other that any instructions, plans, or literature can be sent down the line from the Central Committee to the last layman of the Church, information and coöperation being in this way swiftly secured from the remotest bounds of the Church. Full, alert, and prompt coöperation alone on the part of all these leaders will make this movement effective in securing its great ends. The failure of *any one* of them will break the force and render ineffective to that extent the work of all the rest.

CONFERENCE LEADER.

1. He shall have general supervision of all the work of the Movement in the bounds of his Annual Conference.

2. He is to act in coöperation with the officers of the Movement and Central Committee and to help forward all plans set on foot for the aggressive prosecution of the work.

3. He is to keep in close touch with the district leaders, and as far as practicable hold two meetings of these leaders annually for the purpose of hearing reports and devising plans for better results in every direction.

4. He is expected to answer all communications and other inquiries from the Secretary of the Movement touching any phases of the work in the bounds of the Conference.

5. He is to make a report of the progress of the work of the Conference semiannually to the Executive Committee through the Secretary.

DISTRICT LEADER.

1. It shall be the duty of the district leader to coöperate with the Conference leader on the one hand, and on the other to lend his assistance to the Church leaders in carrying out the work of the Movement, and annually to call a meeting of all the Church leaders in the district to hear reports and consider plans for the promotion of the work. It shall also be his duty to devise and bring to the attention of these Church leaders such information and methods for the carrying on of the work as may be deemed most desirable.

2. He is expected, as far as possible, to visit the Quarterly Conferences of the district during the year, and to assist the laymen of the entire district, in coöperation with the presiding elder, in prosecuting various kinds of Church work in which they may be engaged, and especially help in securing a religious service every Sunday in every Church in the district where such service is not now held, coöperating heartily with the pastor and Church leader in this work.

CHURCH LEADER AND PASTOR.

1. It shall be the duty of the Church leader to encourage the study of missions and the distribution of missionary and evangelical literature, especially the pamphlet and periodical literature published by our own Church.

2. To encourage by well-matured plans and by personal example systematic and proportionate giving as an act of worship.

3. To promote the spirit of prayer for the deepening of spiritual life in the Church membership, for an increased sense of responsibility for winning souls for Christ, and for a larger measure of intercessory prayer in behalf of the evangelization of the world.

4. To make provisions, in coöperation with the pastor, for a religious service of some kind, even though it be only a simple prayer meeting, every Sunday where such service is now held, by

either the leader conducting the service in the absence of the pastor or securing some other proper person to do so.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

The Basis.

The basis of all permanent interest is information. The foundation of every deep conviction is knowledge. Recognizing these facts from the beginning, the Laymen's Missionary Movement announced as its first aim "to project a campaign of education among the laymen, to be conducted under the direction of the various Mission Boards." In line, therefore, with this policy, it is needful that we should inaugurate a far-reaching campaign of missionary education if ever the great body of Southern Methodist laymen are awakened to a genuine interest in the cause of missions at home and abroad, if ever they are brought under a deep and abiding conviction as to the authority and purpose of the Great Commission, and if ever they adequately recognize their obligation to prosecute the missionary enterprise.

The Policy.

As missionary education involves instruction first in principles, then in facts, and also the development of a sense of obligation, we would recommend, in order to establish these lines of educational influence, the following:

1. A prayerful and regular study of the Bible by the laymen of the Church, with greater emphasis on its missionary interpretation and with more careful consideration of the doctrine of Christian stewardship.
2. The free distribution among all laymen of the Church of a well-selected leaflet literature touching every important phase of the great missionary enterprise.
3. A persistent effort to make great books on missions a necessary part of every intelligent layman's library, and to select and circulate those missionary books specially adapted to interest and inspire laymen.
4. A vigorous effort to increase the list of subscribers to *Go Forward*, the missionary periodical of the Church, and to enlarge the circulation of Conference organs.
5. The frequent discussion of missions from the scriptural and business point of view by laymen in missionary meetings, rallies, and institutes.

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- Alabama Conference.*—Judge A. E. Barnett, Opelika, Ala.
Arkansas Conference.—P. W. Furry, Van Buren, Ark.
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Columbia Conference.—J. J. Lamb, Coquille, Oregon.
East Columbia Conference.—Paul Priest, Spokane, Wash.
Florida Conference.—T. J. Watkins, Orlando, Fla.
German Mission Conference.—F. A. Grote, Mason, Tex.
Holston Conference.—Maj. A. D. Reynolds, Bristol, Tenn.
Illinois Conference.—J. H. Davis, Murphysboro, Ill.
Kentucky Conference.—Dr. C. B. Van Arsdall, Harrodsburg, Ky.
Little Rock Conference.—A. Trieschmann, Crossett, Ark.
Los Angeles Conference.—Nathan Newby, Los Angeles, Cal.
Louisiana Conference.—W. L. Weber, Shreveport, La.
Louisville Conference.—C. M. Phillips, Louisville, Ky.
Memphis Conference.—T. B. King, Memphis, Tenn.
Mississippi Conference.—Judge A. G. Norrell, Florence, Miss.
Missouri Conference.—Judge B. J. Casteel, St. Joseph, Mo.
Montana Conference.—J. W. Kemper, Butte, Mont.
New Mexico Conference.—Judge D. G. Grantham, Carlsbad, N. Mex.
North Alabama Conference.—Dr. S. C. Tatum, Center, Ala.
North Carolina Conference.—Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, Weldon, N. C.
North Georgia Conference.—Claude Tuck, Athens, Ga.
North Mississippi Conference.—G. L. Jones, New Albany, Miss.
North Texas Conference.—C. A. Sanford, Sherman, Tex.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Judge W. E. Williams, Fort Worth, Tex.
Oklahoma Conference.—Dr. A. E. Bonnell, Muskogee, Okla.
Pacific Conference.—G. V. Northey, Sulphur Creek, Cal.
St. Louis Conference.—Dr. J. W. Vaughan, St. Louis, Mo.
South Carolina Conference.—G. C. Hodges, Greenwood, S. C.
South Georgia Conference.—R. F. Burden, Macon, Ga.
Southwest Missouri Conference.—Perry S. Rader, Jefferson City, Mo.
Tennessee Conference.—Prof. William Hughes, Spring Hill, Tenn.
Texas Conference.—M. P. Fields, Houston, Tex.
Virginia Conference.—J. P. Pettyjohn, Lynchburg, Va.
West Texas Conference.—R. H. Wester, San Antonio, Tex.
Western North Carolina Conference.—C. H. Ireland, Greensboro, N. C.
Western Virginia Conference.—M. W. Thomas, Ashland, Ky.
White River Conference.—F. M. Daniel, Mammoth Springs, Ark.

MISSIONARY WORKERS AND DEACONESSES.

The following appointments of missionary workers and deaconesses were made at the last session of the Woman's Home Mission Board, in Louisville, Ky.: Asheville, N. C.: City Board, Miss Josephine Guffin. Atlanta, Ga.: Wesley House, Miss Dollie Crim, missionary. Augusta, Ga.: City Board, Miss Annie Trawick, deaconess; Miss Mary Medearis, missionary. Birmingham, Ala.: City Board, Miss Hettie Phillips, deaconess; pastor's assistant First Church, Miss Mary Vaughan, deaconess. Bristol, Tenn.: City Board, Miss Stella Womack, deaconess. Columbus, Ga.: City Board, Miss Birdie Cate, deaconess. Chattanooga, Tenn.: Pastor's assistant Centenary Church, Miss Emma Burton, deaconess. Crosssett, Ark.: Pastor's assistant, Miss Mae McKenzie, deaconess. Dallas, Tex.: Wesley House, Miss Ida Adreansen, missionary, Miss Josie Leveritt, missionary; A. B. C. Home, Miss Selina Monohan, deaconess. Houston, Tex.: St. Paul's Church, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess; City Board, Miss Mattie Wright, deaconess, Mrs. M. N. Carr, deaconess. Kansas City, Mo.: Institutional Church, Miss Ethel Jackson, deaconess, Mrs. W. G. Catlin, deaconess. Knoxville, Tenn.: City Board, Miss Hettie Stewart, missionary. Lindale, Ga.: Massachusetts Cotton Mills, Miss Addie Mitchell, deaconess. Los Angeles, Cal.: Deaconess Home, Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess, Miss Fannie Mann, deaconess, Miss Moizelle Elliott, nurse. Louisville, Ky.: Wesley House, Miss Mary E. Smith, deaconess, Miss Roberta Baker, missionary, Miss Nannie Cunningham, missionary; pastor's assistant Temple, Miss Ida Stevens, deaconess. Macon, Ga.: Door of Hope, Mrs. F. M. Knowles, missionary. Memphis, Tenn.: Wesley House, Miss Fronie Webb, missionary; pastor's assistant First Church, Miss Maybelle Marshall, deaconess. Mobile, Ala.: City Board, Mrs. Almeda Hewitt, deaconess, Miss Lillie Hartwell, missionary. Nashville, Tenn.: Wesley House: Miss Hattie Sellars, deaconess, Miss Sue Herrick, kindergarten. New Orleans, La.: Pastor's assistant Rayne Memorial, Miss Mary Frankland, deaconess; pastor's assistant First Church, Miss Lee Crittenden, deaconess; City Board, Mrs. L. Meekin, missionary; immigrant and city work, Miss Margaret Ragland, deaconess, Miss Daisie Duncan, deaconess and nurse. Portsmouth, Va.: City Board, Miss Ella Ganow, missionary. Rockingham, N. C.: Cotton Mills, Miss S. K. Lowder, missionary. St. Louis, Mo.: City Board, Miss Helen Gibson, deaconess; Centenary Church, Miss Mabel Kennedy, deaconess. Spartanburg, S. C.: Pastor's assistant, Miss Annie Mutch, deaconess. Tampa, Fla.: Rescue work, Miss



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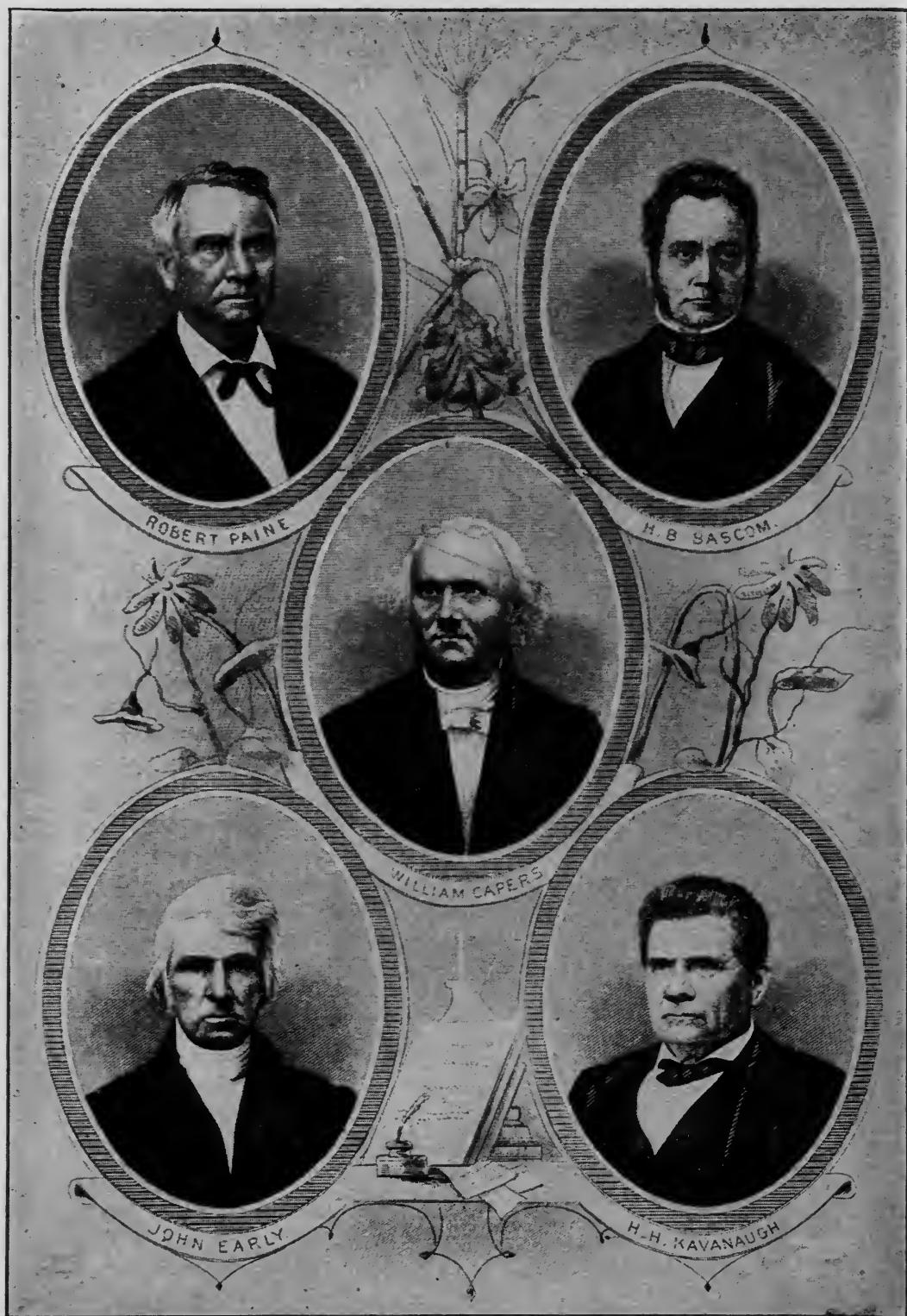
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Rev. B. F. Gilbert.....	Pinar Del Rio, Cuba
Rev. B. O. Hill.....	La Gloria, Cuba
Rev. J. P. Lancaster.....	Camaguey, Cuba
Rev. M. E. Lazenby.....	Havana, Cuba
Rev. S. A. Neblett.....	Matanzas, Cuba
Rev. L. Oser.....	Santa Clara, Cuba
Rev. R. H. Parker.....	Cienfuegos, Cuba
Rev. J. T. Redmon.....	Sante Fe, Isle of Pines
Rev. W. E. Sewell.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Henry Smith.....	Mayari, Cuba

GENERAL CONFERENCES.

1846. First General Conference.—Held at Petersburg, Va., May 1-23; Rev. T. N. Ralston, Secretary; William Capers and Bishop Paine elected bishops.

1850. Second General Conference.—Held at St. Louis, Mo., May 1-14; Thomas O. Summers, Secretary; H. B. Bascom elected bishop.

1854. Third General Conference.—Held at Columbus, Ga., May 1-31; Thomas O. Summers, Secretary; George F. Pierce, John Early, and H. H. Kavanaugh elected bishops.

1858. Fourth General Conference.—Held at Nashville, Tenn., May 1-31; Thomas O. Summers, Secretary. The ratio of representation in the General Conference changed from one for every fourteen to one for every seventeen members of each Annual Conference.

1862.—Owing to the unsettled state of things the General Conference appointed to meet in May in New Orleans did not meet.

1866. Fifth General Conference.—Held in New Orleans, La., April 4 to May 5; Thomas O. Summers, Secretary. Two Mission Boards established. Class meeting membership test abolished; also the plan of probation. W. M. Wightman, Enoch M. Marvin, David S. Doggett, and Holland N. McTyeire elected bishops.

1870. Sixth General Conference.—Memphis, Tenn. Thomas O. Summers, Secretary. John C. Keener elected bishop. Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards consolidated.

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The yard fronting to the south is typical. The old-fashioned well is so fondly protected by the frondage of the century oaks that the sunlight can scarcely touch the crystal water, which requires no help to make it the most refreshing of beverages. The outhouses, some of which are crumbling into decay, add a picturesqueness which can be best appreciated by those familiar with the rural homes of the South.

The upper story of the house contains two rooms. Formerly there was only one room, the partition being recent. In the one upper room, on April 20, 1785, the first Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was held. It must be borne in mind that previous to the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Baltimore, less than four months before, the Conferences were simply mere gatherings of "societies" within the Established Church.

Bishops Asbury and Coke had the honor of presiding over this first Conference. The latter had not been in America very long. Asbury, after his ordination at the Christmas Conference, had gone to Charleston, S. C., where he found an open door and succeeded in establishing a "society." With the consciousness that his work in Charleston had been richly blessed, he started north, and took advantage of his passing through North Carolina to assist in holding the first Conference after the organization of the Church. The Conference embraced a territory covering Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. There were as yet hardly eighteen thousand Methodists in America and about one hundred preachers, and the expression, "to ride a circuit," might mean the traveling of a whole State. What a change has been wrought! In the same territory there are now no fewer than three hundred and fifty thousand members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and fully eight hundred preachers. Meanwhile the old-time circuit has wonderfully shrunk in its

dimensions, while the value of intensive work has been increasingly demonstrated in the Lord's vineyard.

Twenty preachers were present at the gathering. There was John King, the polished Oxford scholar and skilled physician, who, becoming a local preacher, was disinherited on account of his Methodism, and crossed the ocean to preach the first Methodist sermon in the city of Baltimore. Lineal descendants of his are living to-day in that city and in North Carolina, and help to form the bone and sinew of Methodism. There was also doughty Jesse Lee, who had just begun his remarkable career; Philip Bruce, the boldest of the "Thundering Legion," who was made presiding elder at this Conference; Reuben Ellis, one of the choicest spirits among the pioneer preachers of the "Old North State;" and Green Hill, who will receive subsequent attention in this article—all these we know were present.

There is also good reason to believe that the following also occupied a place: Edward Dromgoole, eloquent and powerful; Francis Poythress, rich in labors; John Easter, of cyclonic spiritual power; John Dickins, the intimate friend of Coke and the first American Methodist author; John Tunnell, modest and effective; Hope Hull, one of the most famous preachers of his day, either North or South; and James O'Kelly, whose departure from the Methodist Episcopal Church signalized the birth of another denomination. It was truly a rare assemblage gathered in that "upper room." They were heroes all. In the discharge of their duties, both individual and corporate, they displayed the qualities of an enthusiastic loyalty, apostolic boldness, and mighty faith.

It was a fraternal meeting. "Here we held our Conference in great peace," says Bishop Asbury in his Journal. With one exception the disturbing questions which had arisen at the Christmas Conference had been settled, and it is likely that this Conference had before it only that business which pertained to the normal work of the Church. There was a little trouble, however, over the slavery question. Coke had brought from England some extreme views on this question, and unfortunately he pressed his extreme views without regard to the demands of policy. Jesse Lee, although a callow youth, took issue with the bellicose Doctor, and for a while there was a clashing of polemic steel. Coke at once concluded that Lee was a youth whose character could not stand the test, and for a while matters looked serious. Bitter words were passed, but the breach was finally healed. The Conference was in session three days. The gain

during the preceding year was very gratifying. Nine hundred and ninety-one members had been received. The work was extended into Georgia, where opportunities for growth were unusually ripe. Beverly Allen, the first apostate Methodist preacher, was sent to Georgia Circuit from this Conference. Three presiding elders were appointed at the Conference. It is a matter of note that previous to this Conference those performing the functions of presiding elders were simply called "assistants." In Hill's "upper room" the office of presiding elder had its birth.

On this occasion there was not necessary any preliminary work in providing homes for preachers. The committee of entertainment and the printed directory had not been thought of. The Conference room was the Conference guest chamber—and the preacher had to sleep on the floor. But this was not accounted a hardship. Men who in their work for the Master had often made the bare ground in the midst of great forests their sleeping place had no complaints to utter about sleeping on the floor at the first Annual Conference of Methodism.

Green Hill was the host of the Conference. He was one of the columnar characters of early American Methodism. He figures largely in Asbury's Journal. We must regard him as one of the great men not only of Methodism, but of the State. His name is a familiar one in the secular histories of North Carolina. He was a man of large mind, but of larger heart. There was no honorable sacrifice which he was not willing to lay on the altar of his beloved Church. He was the impersonation of Christian hospitality. He entertained under his roof no fewer than four Annual Conferences. Born in the county of Bute, now Franklin and Warren, on November 3, 1741, he was married early in life to Miss Seawell, a sister of Judge Seawell, who figured conspicuously for many years on the bench in North Carolina. Green Hill was a member of the first and of each succeeding Provincial Congress of the State, and was for a while State Treasurer. When the Revolutionary War broke out, he was the first to enlist. He was made major in the Provincial Army, and at the same time served as chaplain. At the close of the war he settled down to farming, an occupation in which God signally blessed him. Without such success he could not have been the Gaius of early Methodism. He was an extensive slaveholder. The library of Vanderbilt University contains a number of his books, presented by his grandson, Judge Hill. On the fly leaf of one of them are inscribed the names of his slaves. Bishop McTyeire says that he had "nearly as many as Abraham."

CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARY LEADERS.

REV. R. H. WILLIS.

The third annual session of the Conference of Missionary Secretaries was held in the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn., December 30, 31, 1908. There were about seventy-five men in attendance from all parts of the Church, and the Conference was regarded as the most successful one yet held.

The subjects upon which the greatest emphasis was placed were four. These were for the most part discussed in an informal way, there being very few set addresses.

1. *The Missionary Education of the Church.* This discussion was led by Rev. Ed F. Cook. He stated that the missionary education of the Church is our supreme responsibility, and the Bible must be made the basis of all such education. It is in the Bible school, therefore, that this work of education can be most effectively conducted. The Discipline provides that every Sunday school be organized as a missionary society, not into a missionary society. Many of our schools give the collection one Sunday in the month to missions, but only to that extent are they organized as missionary societies. The work of education is largely neglected. In every school a Missionary Committee should be appointed, and this committee should arrange the programme for Missionary Day. Special attention should be given to the quarterly missionary lesson.

2. *The Responsibility of Presiding Elders in Missionary Progress.* Quite a number of presiding elders had accepted an invitation to attend this Conference, and much attention was given to their relation to missionary work. The majority of those who discussed this subject were presiding elders who had themselves brought things to pass in their respective districts. The discussion was led by Rev. E. H. Rawlings, last year presiding elder of the Richmond District and now employed as Missionary Secretary of the Virginia Conference. "The presiding elder," said this speaker, "occupies the strategic point in Methodism. His position enables him to get done what no other man in the Church can get done. The law of the Church makes him a leader in missionary work. He is expected to preach on the subject of missions annually in every charge in the district. In each Quarterly Conference he is to ask the question, What is being done for the cause of missions? and has an opportunity to talk



1. Rev. C. W. Byrd, D.D.

3. Rev. Nelson B. Henry, D.D.

5. Rev. W. F. Taylor, D.D.

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2. Rev. P. R. Eaglebarger.

4. Rev. Hilliard F. Chreitzberg, D.D.

6. Joseph Simpson Scobee.

missions there. It is made his duty to hold a Missionary Institute early in the Conference year. At the District Conference over which he presides the missionary interests of the Church come up for consideration. Then, as he goes into the homes of the people and as he comes into personal touch with the preachers and other Church leaders, he is continuously confronted with the opportunity to impress the missionary idea."

3. *The City Problem.* This subject was probably given more prominence than any other. There is no problem before the Church that calls for more careful study at this time than the city problem. The Protestant Churches in the cities are not keeping pace with the growth of population. Few city Churches are giving birth to children as fast as their children are dying. Methodism's weak point is in the city. One reason for this is that we have not had experience in this kind of work, there having been few large cities in the South heretofore. It is thought that another reason for our failure in the city is the frequent change of administration. No man can do his best work in a great city in four years. The discussion of this question was led by Rev. J. R. Nelson, Secretary of the Home Department of the Board of Missions.

4. *The Laymen's Missionary Movement.* This was not a laymen's meeting, and very few laymen were present; but preachers as well as laymen, and especially those who are leaders in missionary work, are interested in this Movement. Mr. W. B. Stubbs, leader of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in our Church, in a short but forcible talk set forth the object and plans of the Movement. He emphasized the fact that it is not an organization, but a movement. Its object is "to enlist the whole Church in giving the whole gospel to the whole world in this generation."

Two evening addresses were delivered at McKendree Church, one on "Organization of Forces for City Evangelization" by Dr. J. T. Daves, and one by Dr. John M. Moore on "The Outlook in Missions." It was not the privilege of the writer to hear either of these addresses.

The delegates and visitors were nearly all entertained in the Methodist Training School. This school, established only three years ago, has met with marked success. The plant now embraces four brick buildings in the very heart of the city facing the Capitol Square, and a fifth building is being erected. Sixty-six students have been enrolled in the school during the past term.



1. S. H. Werlein, D.D.

3. W. V. Tudor, D.D.

5. S. A. Weber, D.D.

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2. H. S. Bradley, D.D.

4. R. N. Price, D.D.

6. F. D. Swindell, D.D.

Upon invitation of Dr. Tillett one session of the Conference was held in Wesley Hall, on the Vanderbilt University campus, and all took lunch there as the guests of the faculty. There were many old Wesley Hall boys in the number, and to them especially it was a great pleasure to be within those walls again.

BIOGRAPHY.

OUR LIVING AND DEAD.

Paul felt in the depth of his soul that the life of the Christian, as it subsists in faith now, can only subsist in hope of the future. Without this assumed view of the future, the whole Christian life appears in his eyes as endeavors without an object, the pursuit of a phantom, the sport of a delusion. For the life of other men is directed to the higher or lower aims which are to be attained in intellectual pursuits, or in the gratification of the senses, and which can actually be attained on earth. But the life of Christians, with its conflicts, efforts, and renunciations, refers to an object that has no truth, if it be not realized in the eternal life of the future.—*Neander*.

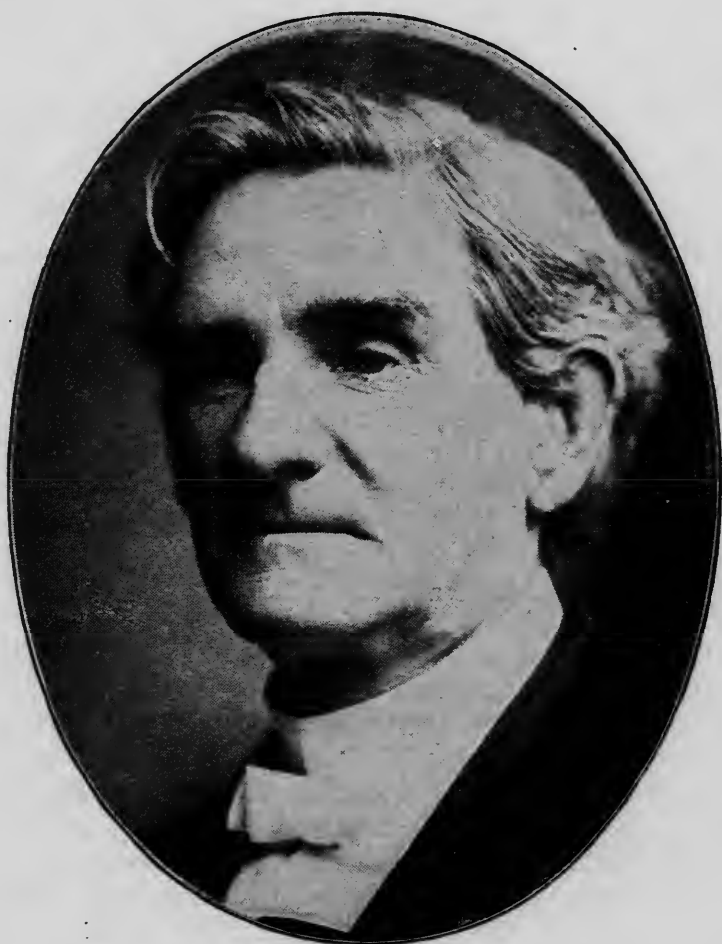
BISHOP DUNCAN RELEASED.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD, IN NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

How rapidly they have followed one another! Hargrove, Smith, Granbery, Tigert, and, last of all, Bishop Duncan, have crossed over into the mystery of death; and we may not doubt also that they have entered into the joy of their Lord.

Bishop Duncan's death was not unexpected. We knew the battle he was fighting, and that the end could not be far off. But when the news came that the brave, true heart had indeed ceased to beat, there was a shock, not of surprise, but like that which death brings wherever and whenever it comes.

To our departed brother death was truly a release. He rests from his labors and his sufferings, and his works do follow him. He was abundant in labors. He was ready for every good word and work within the sphere of service to which he was called. In all that was planned and done for the Master's cause he had a voice and a hand. He was always found where burdens were to be borne or offerings to be made for the cause that was to him dearer than life. He was stricken very suddenly. It was evident to his brethren at our last General Conference that the strong man was smitten, and that his work was done. The sympathies of our whole Church were turned toward the servant of God in his affliction. Those who knew him best loved him most and felt most deeply this sympathy. The heartfelt sympathies of all our



BISHOP W. W. DUNCAN.

people are now turned to the family at Spartanburg in their bereavement.

Bishop Duncan rests from his labors. What that word *rests* means, we know not; he knows, and we will leave him where he is, with his Lord and ours. His works do follow him. Successive harvests will be gathered from the seed he sowed. Being dead, he yet speaks.

Seabreeze, Fla., March 4, 1908.

ROBERT GILDEROY PORTER.

Born February 15, 1839, in Sumter County, Ala. His parents were William B. and Esther Street Porter. He was converted in early boyhood in his mother's home. He attended the public schools up to his eleventh year. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Pontotoc Circuit, at Palmetto Church, August 15, 1858; and was admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference November 8, 1858, at Trenton, Tenn. He served the following charges: November, 1858, to November, 1859, Okolona Circuit; November, 1859, to November, 1860, Fulton Circuit; November, 1860, to November, 1861, Middleton Circuit; November, 1861, to April, 1862, Fulton Circuit; April, 1862, to July, 1862, private in the Confederate Army; July, 1862, to April, 1865, chaplain of the Tenth Mississippi Regiment; July, 1865, to December, 1869, Houston Circuit; December, 1869, to December, 1870, Verona Station; December, 1870, to December, 1874, Crawford Circuit; December, 1874, to December, 1878, presiding elder of Columbus District; December, 1878, to December, 1882, Verona and Tupelo; December, 1882, to December, 1883, presiding elder of Aberdeen District; December, 1886, to December, 1887, presiding elder of Columbus District; December, 1887, to December, 1891, Senatobia Station; December, 1891, to December, 1894, Pickens Circuit; December, 1894, to December, 1896, Black Hawk Circuit; December, 1896, to December, 1898, Minter City Circuit; December, 1898, to December, 1899, Ripley; December, 1899, to December, 1900, presiding elder of Grenada District; December, 1900, to December, 1902, Oxford Station; December, 1902, to December, 1904, Durant; December, 1904, to December, 1906, Lula and Lyon Circuit; December, 1906, to October, 1908, Prairie Circuit. He died October 6, 1908. He was married September 25, 1860, to Miss Helen Jane Walton. He was a self-educated man. As a terse, forcible writer, he had no superior in Southern Methodism. He was in constant demand as a newspaper correspond-

ent. He was the author of two books: "Gilderoy's Stories for Boys" and "Odd Hours." His *nom de plume* was "Gilderoy." He was a member of the 1894 General Conference.

JAMES WIDEMAN LEE.

Born in Gwinnett County, Ga. Son of James L. and Emily Harris Lee. He attended in boyhood Grantville High School and later Emory College, from which he graduated in 1874. He was converted at Rock Chapel Church, De Kalb County, Ga. He was licensed to preach at Prospect Church, Meriwether County, Ga. In 1874 he was admitted on trial into the North Georgia Conference. Appointments: 1875, Floyd Circuit; 1876, Rockmart Circuit; 1877-78, Long Cane Circuit; 1879-80, Carrollton Station; 1881-83, Dalton Station; 1884-85, Rome, Ga.; 1886-89, Trinity, Atlanta; 1888-89, Park Street, Atlanta; 1890-93, Park Street, Atlanta; 1894-97, St. John's, St. Louis; 1898-1901, presiding elder, St. Louis District; 1902-05, St. John's, St. Louis; 1906-08, Trinity, Atlanta. Dr. Lee was married December 26, 1875, to Miss Emily H. Harris. He has been a hard student, and is a prolific writer. He is the author of the following books: "The Making of a Man," "Earthly Footsteps of the Man of Galilee," "Romance of Palestine," "History of Methodism," and "History of Jerusalem." "The Making of a Man" secured for Dr. Lee a place in the English "Who's Who," the most exclusive annual in the world. Seventy thousand copies of "Earthly Footsteps of the Man of Galilee" were sold in England, and more than a million copies in the United States. The "Self-Interpreting Bible," which he edited and illustrated, has had the largest sale of any Bible commentary of the same size in the United States.

RICE HARRIS COOPER.

Born June 18, 1848, at Nicholasville, Ky. Son of Rev. L. W. and Mrs. Hester Vaughan Cooper. He was converted in September, 1862, near Gallatin, Mo. He was licensed to preach in July, 1871. He was admitted on trial into the Missouri Conference in September, 1872. Appointments: 1872-73, Camden Circuit; 1873-75, Breckenridge Circuit; 1875-77, Brunswick Station; 1877-79, Chillicothe Station; 1879-82, Albany Station; 1882-83, Jamesport Circuit; 1883-84, presiding elder of Gallatin District; 1884-86, Mary-

ville Station; 1886-88, Elmo and Skidmore; 1888-92, presiding elder of St. Joseph District; 1892-95, presiding elder of Plattsburg District; 1896-99, presiding elder of Mexico District; 1900-03, presiding elder of Fayette District; 1904-07, presiding elder of Macon District; 1907-08, Agent Conference Fund. He was a student at Gallatin Seminary and Central College. He was married January 10, 1877, to Miss Willie Locke Cooper, who died May 19, 1906. He is a Curator of Central College for Women, President of the Missouri Conference Trust Fund, and President of the Joint Commission of Federation of North Missouri.

WILLIAM FLETCHER TAYLOR.

Born at Crittenden, Ky., January 23, 1839. Son of Thomas H. and Susan B. Taylor. Converted at Covington, Ky., in 1857. He attended the public and private schools of Kentucky. He was licensed to preach in Scott Street Church, Covington, Ky., in April, 1862. He was admitted on trial into the Kentucky Conference in September, 1863. The following is the list of appointments served by him: 1863-65, Winchester, Ky.; 1865-69, Paris; 1869-71, Newport; 1871-72, College Agent; 1872-76, Versailles; 1876-80, Nicholasville; 1880-84, Danville; 1884-88, Scott Street, Covington; 1888-92, Winchester; 1892-96, Danville; 1896-1900, Shelbyville; 1900-02, Maysville; 1902-06, Nicholasville; 1906-08, presiding elder of Covington District. He received the honorary degree of D.D. in 1902. He was married June 30, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Price. He was a member of the Centennial Conference of American Methodism in Baltimore in 1884. He was a member of the General Conference of 1886 and 1906. He is a member of the Council of Federation held in Philadelphia last December. He is President of the Board of Curators of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

HILLIARD FRANCIS CHREITZBERG.

Born at Georgetown, S. C., February 24, 1850. Son of Rev. Abel Mc K. and Anna Manno Chreitzberg. He received his education in the public schools of Charleston, S. C., and at Wofford College, from which institution he graduated in 1873. He was converted at Cattle Creek camp meeting in September, 1867. He was licensed to preach at Spartanburg, S. C., January 13, 1869, Rev. R. P. Franks, presiding elder. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Sumter in December,

1873. He has served the following charges: 1874, Cane Creek Circuit; 1875-76, Camden Station; 1877-78, Anderson Station; 1879-81, Spring Street, Charleston; 1882-85, Sumter Station; 1886, Newberry Station; 1887-89, Chester Station; 1890-92, Washington Street, Columbia; 1893, transferred to Western North Carolina Conference and appointed to Asheville; 1893-94, Central Station; 1895-96, Central, Asheville; 1897, Reidsville Station; 1898-1901, Tryon Street, Charlotte; 1902-03, Main Street, Gastonia; 1904-07, Centenary, Winston; 1908, Central, Monroe. He was married July 8, 1873, to Miss Addria Eugenia Kirby. He received the degree of A.M. from Wofford College in 1876 and the degree of D.D. from Weaverville College in 1895. For three years he was editor of the official organ of the temperance organizations of South Carolina. He was Grand Chief Templar of the State for seven years, I. O. G. T. He represented the order in the International Lodge sessions at Washington, D. C., Saratoga Springs, Richmond, Va., Chicago, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Toronto, Canada. For seven years he was Secretary of the South Carolina Conference.

NELSON BOLLINGER HENRY.

Born July 23, 1848, in Cape Girardeau County, Mo. Son of Simon and Juliette Cook Henry. He received his education in the public schools of Missouri and the State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo. He was converted in 1874. He was licensed to preach at Pueblo, Colo., in 1890, on Monday night, and was admitted on trial into the Denver Conference at Trinidad the following Wednesday. He served East Pueblo charge in connection with Pueblo Collegiate Institute 1891-92. He was President of Belleview Collegiate Institute from 1892 to 1894. He was presiding elder of the Farmington District, St. Louis Conference, 1894-95. He was President of Marvin College from 1895 to 1902. He served Bonne Terre Station from July, 1902, to October, 1902; West Plains Station, 1902-03; Kennett Station, 1903-07; he was appointed to Dexter in 1907. He received the degree of Bachelor of Teaching in 1876, Master of Teaching in 1879, D.D. in 1899. He was married December 21, 1876, to Miss Lucretia Thompson. From 1876 to 1894 he taught. During this time he was a member of the State Teachers' Association, both in Missouri and North Carolina, holding in the latter State the chair of the Science and Art of Teaching. Since 1902 he has been Conference Missionary Secretary of the St. Louis Conference. He was a member of the General Conference of 1906.

WARNER MOORE.

Born at Pulaski, Tenn., June 12, 1845. Son of Smith William and Mary Yates Moore. He received his education in Andrew College, Trenton, Tenn., and Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., receiving from the latter institution the degree of M.A. in 1885 and D.D. in 1894. He was converted at Kingston, Ga., February 7, 1864, while he was in the Confederate army. He was admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference in November, 1866, at Jackson, Tenn. He has served the following charges: 1866-67, Salem Circuit; 1867-68, Huntingdon Station; 1868-69, Covington Station; 1869-70, Sardis Circuit; 1870-72, Whiteville Circuit; 1872-74, Stanton Circuit; 1874-75, Springdale and Bethel; 1875-77, Paris Station; 1877-80, Ripley and Durhamville; 1880-83, Hernando Street, Memphis; 1883-85, Humboldt Station; 1885-87, Jackson District; 1887-89, First Church, Memphis; 1889-93, Mayfield Station; 1893-97, Paducah District; 1897-99, Paris Station; 1899-1902, Springdale and Buntyn; 1902-05, Spring Hill Circuit; 1905-08, Ripley Station. He was married December 17, 1868, to Miss M. Ella Leake. He was a member of the General Conference of 1894 and of 1898. He is a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow. He is now Grand Dictator Knights of Honor, Tennessee.

THOMAS JOSEPH PHILLIPS.

Born in Marlboro County, S. C., December 15, 1842. His father, Solomon Phillips, moved to Florida in 1850. He was reared on a farm. He was in some of the great battles of the war; was in the battle of Gettysburg for two days—July 2 and 3, 1863. Before the war he went to the country schools; when he returned from the war he attended school for several years and taught school two years; he studied law and was admitted to the bar, but did not practice. He felt called to preach even when a boy. He attended a camp meeting when a boy, and joined the Methodist Church. He was married in 1871 to Mrs. Jessie E. Shipp. He was licensed to preach in 1872, and entered the Florida Conference in 1874. He served the following charges: 1874, Gadsden Circuit; 1875-76, Concord Circuit; 1877, Union Circuit; 1878-79, Waldo Circuit; 1880-82, Columbia Circuit; 1883, Madison Circuit; 1884, Alafia Circuit; 1885, Plant City and Lakeland; 1886, Plant City; 1887-88, Newnansville Circuit; 1889, Bronson Circuit; 1890-92, Melrose Circuit; 1893-96, Live Oak Circuit; 1897-98, Dade City;

1899, Apopka; 1900, Oviedo; 1901-02, Melrose; 1903, Brooksville; 1904, Brooksville and Webster; 1905-06, Punta Gorda; 1907, Gary and Port Tampa City; 1908, Bushnell. He was married in 1871 to Jessie Elizabeth Gary. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan Female College. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He is a successful church builder, and his ministry has been very successful.

WILLIAM VANBERGAN TUDOR.

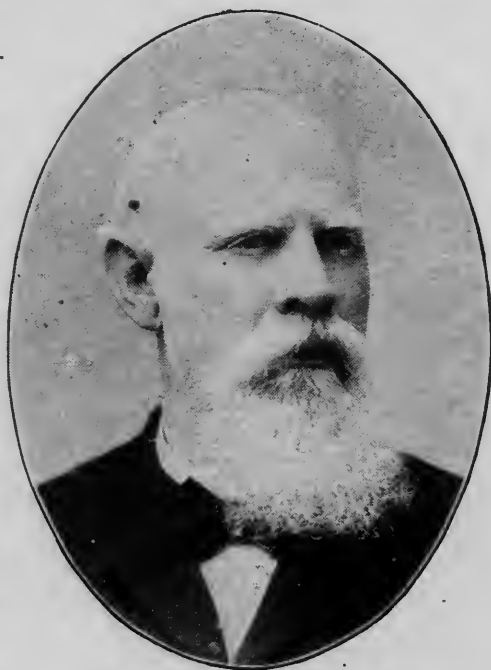
Born in Baltimore, Md., May 3, 1832. Son of John and Sarah Tudor. He was converted in boyhood in Baltimore. He was licensed to preach at Alexandria, Va., in 1854, and was admitted on trial into the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, in March, 1855. The following represents the work done by him: Up to the Civil War he had served Summerfield Circuit, Severn Circuit, Loudon Circuit, and Baltimore City Station. During this time he had also been pastor of Independent Church, Cambridge, Md. After the war he was pastor one year of the Independent Church at Washington, D. C. He transferred that congregation to the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South. He was instrumental in building our Mount Vernon Place Church in Washington. He had five years of service in Washington up to 1871. He then spent four years at Carondelet Street, New Orleans, and twelve years in St. Louis at Centenary. For two years he was presiding elder of St. Louis District. He then served St. John's two years and Centenary four years (second term). He spent twelve years in all in St. Louis. After serving for two months Immanuel Church, Baltimore, he was transferred to the Virginia Conference, and was stationed at Granby Street, Norfolk, where he remained four years. He then served Broad Street, Richmond, four years; Cumberland Street, Norfolk, one year; Centenary, Richmond, four years. For four years he was presiding elder of West Richmond District and for four years presiding elder of Richmond District. He is now preacher in charge of Branch Memorial and Highland Springs. He was married September 21, 1871, to Miss Minnesota Morsell, Washington, D. C. He was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., from which institution he graduated. He was given the degree of D.D. by Centenary College. He has been a member of two General Conferences—Memphis and Nashville. For years he has been on the Board of Managers of the Bible Society of Virginia.

CHARLES W. BYRD.

Born fifty years ago in Harnett County, N. C. Son of A. J. and Margaret Shaw Byrd. He was converted at the age of fourteen in the home in which he was reared. He was licensed to preach at Tarboro, N. C., in 1882. He was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference in 1883. The following are the charges served by him: 1883-84, Scotland Neck; 1884-87, Morehead City; 1887-90, Salisbury; 1890-91, Fayetteville; Asheville, as pastor and presiding elder, nine years; 1901-02, Owensboro, Ky.; 1902-06, First Church, Atlanta, Ga.; 1906, West End, Nashville, Tenn. He received his education in Jonesboro High School and at Vanderbilt University. He was married September 19, 1888, to Miss Hattie Bobbitt. He was a member of the General Conference of 1894 and of 1898.

EUGENE WEBSTER ALDERSON.

Born in Hart County, Ky., October 15, 1854. Son of Rev. A. L. and Laura Alderson. He was converted at Bethlehem Church, in Hart County, Ky., in February, 1871. He was licensed to preach at the same place in November, 1873. In November, 1879, he was admitted on trial into the North Texas Conference, and has served the following charges: 1880-81, Benham Circuit; 1882-83, Greenville Station; 1883-85, Clarksville Station; 1886-88, Paris Station; 1889-92, Benham Station; 1893-95, presiding elder Dallas District; 1896-99, Travis Street, Sherman; 1900, Bowie District; 1901-02, Paris District; 1903, Sulphur Springs District; 1904-07, Sherman District; 1908, Terrell Station. He was married August 13, 1876, to Miss Sarah Williams. He received his education in several private and collegiate institutions



REV. E. W. ALDERSON, D.D.

Pastor M. E. Church, South, Terrell, Tex.

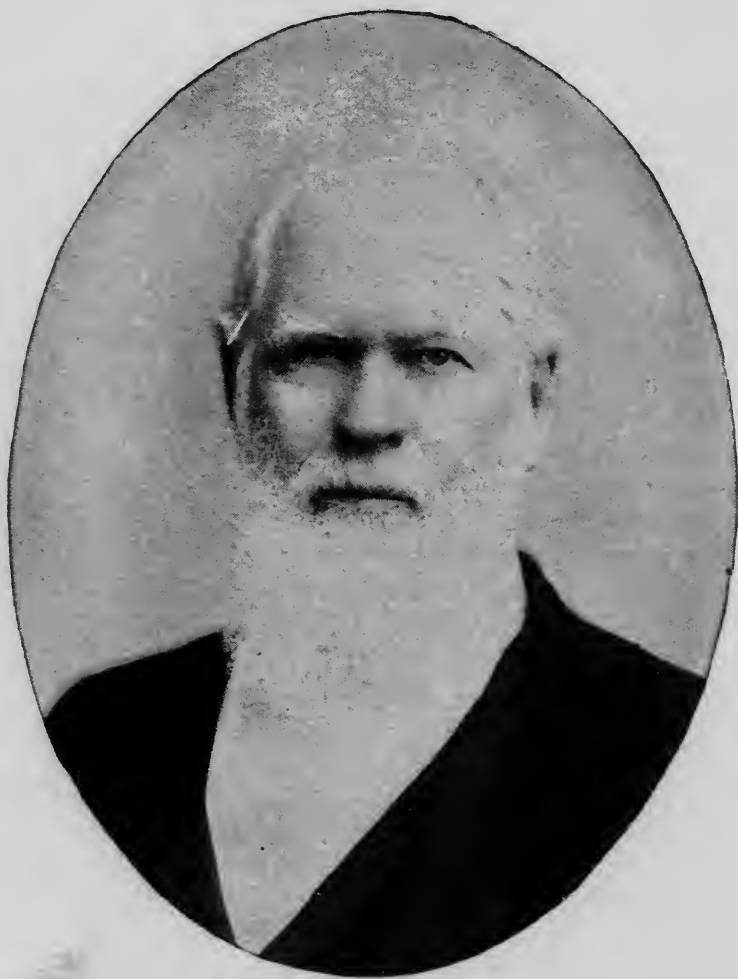
in Kentucky. He received the degree of D.D. in 1897. He is the author of "Action of Baptism" and "Essentials of Parliamentary Law." He was a member of the General Conference of 1894 and of 1902.

PERRY ROSS EAGLEBARGER.

Born in Jefferson County, Mo., October 28, 1862. Son of T. J. and Jane Eaglebarger. He was converted near the place of his birth in 1873. He was licensed to preach at Roxton, Tex., in September, 1880. He was admitted on trial into the North Texas Conference in November, 1883. He has filled the following appointments: 1883-85, Texarkana Mission; 1885-87, Woodland Circuit; 1887-88, Coffeerville Circuit; 1888-1890, Leesburg Circuit; 1890-92, Maxey Circuit; 1892-93, Milton Circuit; 1893-95, Roxton; 1895-97, Petty; 1897-99, Detroit (supernumerary); 1899-1902, Detroit; 1902, transferred to the Indian Mission Conference and elected editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*. On the consolidation of this paper with the *Arkansas Methodist* he was elected one of the editors of the consolidated paper, which was called the *Western Methodist*. He still holds this position. He attended Honey Grove High School and Central College, in Texas. He was married November 4, 1884, to Miss Sallie D. Caldwell. His present place of residence is Little Rock, Ark.

GEORGE WILLIAMS WALKER.

Born in 1848, at Augusta, Ga. Son of Rev. H. A. C. Walker and Sarah E. Wightman Walker. Converted in 1858 at Spartanburg, S. C. Licensed to preach in 1871 at Greenville, S. C. Admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in 1872. The following is the list of charges served by him: 1872, Greenwood Circuit; 1873-74, Chester Circuit; 1875 and part of 1876, Winnsboro Station; latter part of 1876, Bethel, Charleston; 1878-79, Darlington Station; 1880-81, transferred and stationed at Lexington, Southwest Missouri Conference; 1882, transferred and stationed at Summerton, South Carolina Conference; 1883, Darlington Station; since 1884, President of Paine College, Augusta, Ga. Dr. Walker is a graduate of Wofford College, from which institution he received the degree of A.M. in 1874 and D.D. in 1895. He was Orderly Sergeant in Colonel Desasure's regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, Confederate Army. He was married June 7, 1888, to Miss Susan A. Goodrich.



W. S. WOODARD.

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WILLIAM STEWART WOODARD.

Born March 31, 1829, near Nashville, Tenn. Son of Thomas S. and Susan White-Fambro Woodard. Converted August 26, 1845, at Ebenezer Camp Ground, Green County, Mo. Licensed to preach April 6, 1850, at Lower Shady Grove Camp Ground, in Missouri. Admitted on trial into the St. Louis Conference in July, 1850. List of charges served with date of service: 1850-51, Mount Vernon Circuit; 1851-52, Steelville Circuit; 1852-53, Doniphan; 1853-54, Waynesville; 1854-55, Neosho (thigh broken; did not go; taught school); 1855-56, Versailles; 1856-57, Osceola; 1857-58, Wolf Island; 1858-59, Carthage; 1859-60, Stockton; 1860-64, De Soto; 1864-66, Steelville District; 1866-67, Iron Mountain District; 1867-68, Potosi District; 1868-70, Saline Circuit; 1870-72, Chamois Circuit; 1872, Council Grove District; 1873-75, Aullville Circuit; 1875-76, La Monte; 1876-78, Neosho District; 1878-79, Sunday School Agent; 1879-80, Coppinville Circuit; 1880-81, Chilhowie; 1881-82, Chapel Hill; 1882, Green Ridge (sick; did not go; wrote "Annals of Methodism in Missouri"); 1884-89, Conference colporteur; 1889, superannuated; 1890, Houstonia and Herndon; 1891, superannuated; 1892, California; 1893, superannuated, and still sustains that relation. He has been an itinerant fifty-eight years; was effective thirty-nine years. Is now the senior member of his Conference. He was married September 5, 1852, to Eliza Benedy-Spencer. He wrote "Annals of Methodism in Missouri." Volume I. was published in 1893; Volume II. is now in manuscript. He compiled "Prottsman's Sermons," and quite a number of his own sermons have been published. His residence is at Snyder, Okla.

JOSEPHUS ANDERSON.

Born October 7, 1829, in Hanover County, Va. Son of Robert and Mary F. Anderson. Converted in Hanover County, Va., in 1845. Licensed to preach January 3, 1848, at Richmond, Va. In the fall of the same year he was admitted on trial into the Virginia Conference. List of charges served: January to October, 1848, Chesterfield Circuit as junior preacher; 1849, Lancaster Circuit; 1850, Hampton Station; 1851-52, Farmville Station; 1854, Clay Street, Richmond; 1855-56, Tallahassee, Fla.; 1857, Quincy, Fla.; 1858, Thomasville District; 1859, Quincy; 1860, supernumerary; 1861-62, Monticello; 1863, Quincy; 1864, Leon Circuit; 1865, Thomasville Station; 1865-67, Monticello; 1868-71,

Jacksonville; 1872-75, Tallahassee; 1876-78, Helena Station, White River Conference; 1879, Augusta, Ark.; 1880-83, Searcy; 1884-85, Batesville; 1886, Newport, Ark.; 1887, Orlando, Florida Conference; 1888, Sanford, and editor *Florida Christian Advocate*; in March, 1889, moved the *Advocate* to Leesburg, and edited and published it until January 1, 1902, fourteen years, when he resigned and superannuated. In 1903 he was stationed in Leesburg, and has been superannuated ever since. Dr. Anderson attended several schools from 1836 to 1847. He then was a student in Richmond College, but left before graduation. He received the degree of D.D. from Emory College in 1867. He is the author of the following books: "The Bible Christian," "Our Church," "The Harmony of Reason and Revelation," "A New Discussion of Religion," and "Bible Light." The last two books have not yet been published. His ministry has been blessed with many gracious revivals. He was President of the Confederate States Bible Convention, which met at Augusta, Ga. He has been elected as delegate to nine General Conferences. He was at one time a member of the White River Conference. He is now a member of the Florida Conference, and resides at Leesburg, Fla. He was married December 10, 1851, to Miss Virginia L. Venable.

SAMUEL ADAM WEBER.

Born January 19, 1838, in Iredell County, N. C. Son of John and Ann Lander Weber. Attended the following institutions: Shelby Academy, Olin Institute, and Wofford College. He was converted at Shelby, N. C., in 1854. He was licensed to preach at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1859. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1862. List of charges served, with date of service: 1863, Union Circuit (junior preacher); 1864-65, Pacolet Circuit; 1866-67, professor in Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C.; 1868-69, Anderson Station; 1870, Greenville Station; 1871-72, Bishopville Circuit; 1873, Union Station; 1874-76, Williamston Station, and professor in Williamston Female College; 1877-78, Orangeburg Station; 1878-85, editor *Southern Christian Advocate*; 1886, Abbeville Station; 1887-89, Union Station; 1890-91, Aiken Station; 1892, Winnsboro Station; 1893-95, Yorkville Station; 1896-97, Lancaster Station; 1898-1900, associate editor *Southern Christian Advocate*; since 1901 supernumerary at Yorkville Station. He was married the first time in 1861 to Miss Sarah Alston Langdon, and the second time in 1899 to Mrs. E. C.

Jeffreys. At the request of his Conference he has prepared a number of sermons and addresses. From 1895 to 1897 he prepared the Sunday school lessons for the *Sunday School Magazine* and *Quarterlies*. He is a frequent contributor to the *Quarterly Review* and other periodicals. He received from Wofford College the degree of A.B. in 1859 and A.M. in 1861. Emory College bestowed on him the degree of D.D. in 1892. He was a member of the General Conferences of 1886, 1894, and 1898. He was a delegate to the Centennial Conference in 1884.

FREDERICK DALLAS SWINDELL.

Born in Hyde County, N. C., November 16, 1846. Son of Leroy M. and Charity Swindell. He was converted at Soule Church, Hyde County, in 1866. He was licensed to preach at Fairfield, N. C., in the spring of 1870. He was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference in December, 1871. List of charges served, with date of service: Part of 1870 and a few months of 1871, supply Banks Circuit; 1872-74, Plymouth Station; 1875-78, Edgecombe Circuit; 1879-82, Kinston Station; 1883, Tarboro Station; 1884, Wadesboro; 1885-86, Monroe; 1887-88, Tryon Street, Charlotte; 1889-92, Wilmington District; 1893-96, Newbern District; 1897, Missionary Secretary; 1898-1900, St. Paul, Goldsboro; 1901-04, Newbern District; 1905-08, Wilson Station. He attended Trinity College during the spring of 1868 and the whole term of 1868-69. He received the degree of D.D. from this institution. He was elected a member of the Institute of Christian Philosophy in 1891. He was a member of the General Conferences of 1890, 1894, 1898, and 1902. At the General Conference of 1902, he was elected Chairman of the Committee on Missions, one of the most important committees in that body. He was a member of the Ecumenical Mission Conference in New York in 1900. He was a member of the Parent Board of Missions for nineteen years. He was one of the most useful and influential members of the Board. Dr. Swindell is in great demand as a commencement speaker. He was married November 25, 1874, to Miss Susan Dudley.

RICHARD NYE PRICE.

Born at Elk Garden, Russell County, Va., July 30, 1830. Son of John W. and Mary Miller Price. He was converted at Emory and Henry College in the fall of 1849. He was licensed to preach

at Sulphur Spring Camp Ground in the fall of 1850. He was admitted on trial into the Holston Conference in October, 1850. The following is a list of the charges served by him: 1850-51, Asheville Circuit (North Carolina); 1851-52, Burnsville Circuit (North Carolina); 1852-53, Jasper Circuit (Tennessee); 1854-56, Rogersville Station (Tennessee); 1856-57, Cleveland Station (Tennessee); 1857, located; 1857-58, Arlington Circuit as supply; 1858, readmitted; 1858-60, professor of languages and mathematics in Asheville Female College (Holston Conference); 1861, chaplain Twenty-Sixth Regiment, North Carolina Volunteers; 1864, in the spring, President of Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C., but resigned at close of the term on account of the illness of his father; 1862-63, Arlington Circuit (Virginia); 1863-65, Marion Circuit (Virginia); 1865-66, Newbern Circuit (Virginia); 1866-68, Asheville Station; 1868-69, Cane Creek Circuit and Mills River High School (North Carolina); 1869-70, Morristown Station and Principal Female School; 1870-73, Morristown Station; from 1872, for about fifteen years, editor of *Holston Methodist*, and during said time was President of People's College; 1881-85, professor of mathematics; 1885-86, editor *Holston Methodist*; 1886-88, Bristol Station; from 1889, for several years, editor of *Holston Methodist*; four years, Morristown Station; 1898, located; May, 1899, chaplain of Fourth Tennessee Regiment in Cuba; 1899-1900, editor of Price's *Magazine of Psychology*; 1900, readmitted; one year, Harriman Station; one year, Clinton; one year, editor of *Midland Methodist*; 1902, superannuated. Dr. Price graduated at Emory and Henry in 1857. This institution conferred on him the degree of A.M. in 1854. The degree of D.D. was conferred on him by Weaverville College and Trinity College. He was a member of six General Conferences. Dr. Price is a prolific writer. He is the author of "Co-Fractions," a mathematical work. He has written and published three volumes of "Holston Methodism," and is now at work on the fourth volume. He was married May 8, 1855, to Miss Anna Edgeworth Vance. He now resides at Morristown, Tenn.

MARK BOATNER CHAPMAN.

Born October 22, 1846, at Clinton, La. Son of William W. and Saluda C. Chapman. He was converted at the age of twelve, and was licensed to preach at the age of fourteen. For many years he was known as the "boy preacher." At the age of sixteen he entered the Confederate Army, and was made chaplain.

After the war he attended the Southwestern University, Greensboro, Ala. In 1867 he was admitted on trial into the St. Louis Conference. In the fall of 1868 he was transferred to the Missouri Conference, and his first appointment was South St. Joseph. He was stationed at Columbia one year; at Chillicothe, two years; Fulton, one year. He was supernumerary one year in connection with Francis Street Station. In 1881 he was appointed to the Weston and Platte City charge. He then served one year on Plattsburg Station, two years as presiding elder on the Plattsburg District, and one year on Columbia Station. In 1886-87 he traveled around the world. He then served two years at Hannibal. He was transferred to the Little Rock Conference, and was appointed to the First Church, Little Rock, where he remained two years. The next four years he was editor of the *St. Louis Christian Advocate*. Then he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference, and was appointed to Trinity Church, where he remained three years. He was then transferred to the Louisville Conference and stationed at Walnut Street Church, remaining three years. He was then transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference and stationed at Troost Avenue Church, Kansas City, where he remained two years. On account of failing health he was transferred to the Los Angeles Conference, and spent one year at Trinity Church, Los Angeles. He was then transferred to the St. Louis Conference and stationed at Fredericktown. The next two years he was presiding elder of the Charleston District. In the fall of 1905 he was placed on the superannuated list, and the next year he spent on Hollister Station in the Pacific Conference. In 1906 he returned to St. Joseph, Mo., where he now resides. Dr. Chapman was married May 13, 1869, to Miss Maggie F. Harries. He received the degree of D.D. from St. Charles College and the Southern University. He is the author of "Lands of the Orient" and "Mounds, Monuments, and Inscriptions."

SAMUEL HAYMAN WAINRIGHT.

Born April 15, 1863, at Columbus, Ill. Son of Rev. Daniel Thomas Wainright and Amanda F. Wainright. He joined the Church in early boyhood. In 1894 he was licensed to preach in Kobe, Japan, where he had gone as a medical missionary in 1888. For eighteen years he was head of the Methodist College for Boys at Kobe, Japan—Kwansei Gakuin. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College. Central College gave him the degree of D.D. He was married December 30, 1888, to Miss Marga-

ret M. Todd. He has been twice elected President of the Japan Mission Conference. He has been a member of three General Conferences. He is one of the strongest forces in our foreign missionary enterprises.

HENRY STILES BRADLEY.

Born in Jackson County, Ga., March 22, 1869. Son of Henry S. and Susan Jackson Bradley. In early life he was a close student and attended Emory College, from which institution he graduated in 1890. He was received on trial into the North Georgia Conference in 1891. For five years he was adjunct professor of natural sciences at Emory. From 1898 to 1901 he was professor of biology and geology in the same institution. He resigned all college positions in 1901. He then became pastor of Trinity Church, Atlanta, where he remained four years. He is now pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo. He was married November 1, 1893, to Miss May Stafford. He pursued postgraduate work at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and Marine Biological Laboratories, Wood Hall, Mass. The University of Georgia conferred upon him the degree of D.D. He is the author of "Christianity as Taught by Christ."

LEVI WESLEY MOORE.

Born in Cleveland County, N. C., March 28, 1857. Son of Rev. P. D. Moore and Phoebe Moore. He was converted at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1876. He attended the public schools in his native county, and for a while Wofford College. He was licensed to preach October 18, 1880, at Little Black Creek Schoolhouse, Clay County, Fla. He was admitted on trial into the Florida Conference December 16, 1880. He has served the following charges: 1880-82, St. Augustine Mission; 1883, Duvall Circuit; 1884, St. Augustine Mission; 1885, Middleburg Mission; 1886, Newnansville Circuit; 1887, Kissimmee Station; 1888, St. Matthew's, Jacksonville; 1889, Waukeenah Circuit; 1890-91, Leon Circuit; 1892, Sparks Chapel, Key West; 1893-95, Fernandina Station; 1896, Riverside, Jacksonville; 1897-1900, Live Oak District; 1901, Orlando Station; 1902-03, editor *Florida Christian Advocate*; 1904-06, Ocala Station; 1907-08, Tampa Heights. He was married May 2, 1883, to Miss Ella Eugenia Fearrand. He was a member of the General Conference of 1906, and was chairman of the dele-

gation. In the summer of 1908, in connection with Rev. N. H. Williams, he took editorial charge of the *Florida Christian Advocate*.

NATHAN HIGDON WILLIAMS.

Born September 17, 1873, in Decatur County, Ga. Son of Joel W. and Mary J. Williams. He was converted in July, 1897, at Attapulugus, Ga. He was licensed to preach at Camilla, Ga., July 22, 1898. He was admitted on trial into the South Georgia Conference December 12, 1898. He has served the following charges: 1898-1900, Leary Circuit, South Georgia Conference; 1900-01, Colquitt Mission, South Georgia Conference; 1901-03, Palmetto Station, Florida Conference; January, 1903, to July, 1903, Palatka Station, Florida Conference; July, 1903, to November, 1903, Co-tulla Circuit, West Texas Conference; 1903-06, St. Petersburg Mission, Florida Conference; 1906-07, Springfield Mission, Florida Conference; 1907-08, Springfield Station, Florida Conference. He attended the South Georgia College, Thomasville, Ga., and Davidson College, North Carolina. He was married February 7, 1900, to Miss Georgia May Griffin. He is Secretary of the Board of Missions, Florida Conference. In the summer of 1908, in connection with Rev. L. W. Moore, he took editorial charge of the *Florida Christian Advocate*.

S. H. WERLEIN.

Born at Clinton, Miss. Son of Philip P. and Margaret Halsey Werlein. He spent his youth and early manhood in New Orleans. He graduated at Emory and Henry College. After graduation, he was licensed to preach, and spent two and one-half years at Drew Theological Seminary. In 1876 he returned to Louisiana, and served as pastor of Algiers and later of Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans. From 1879 to 1883 he was the pastor of the Shearn Memorial Church in Houston, Tex. He then spent one year at Louisiana Avenue Church, New Orleans, and then three years at Felicity Street Church. He was then transferred to Lafayette Park Church, St. Louis. He spent ten and one-half years in St. Louis—seven years at Lafayette Park Church, two at Centenary, and one year as presiding elder. After leaving St. Louis, he spent three years in Kansas City. He then served First Church at Fort Worth, Tex. In 1907 he transferred to the Little Rock

Conference, and was stationed at Winfield Memorial, Little Rock, Ark. He was a member of the General Conference of 1898. He was married in 1878 to Miss Leila Ewing, of Louisiana.

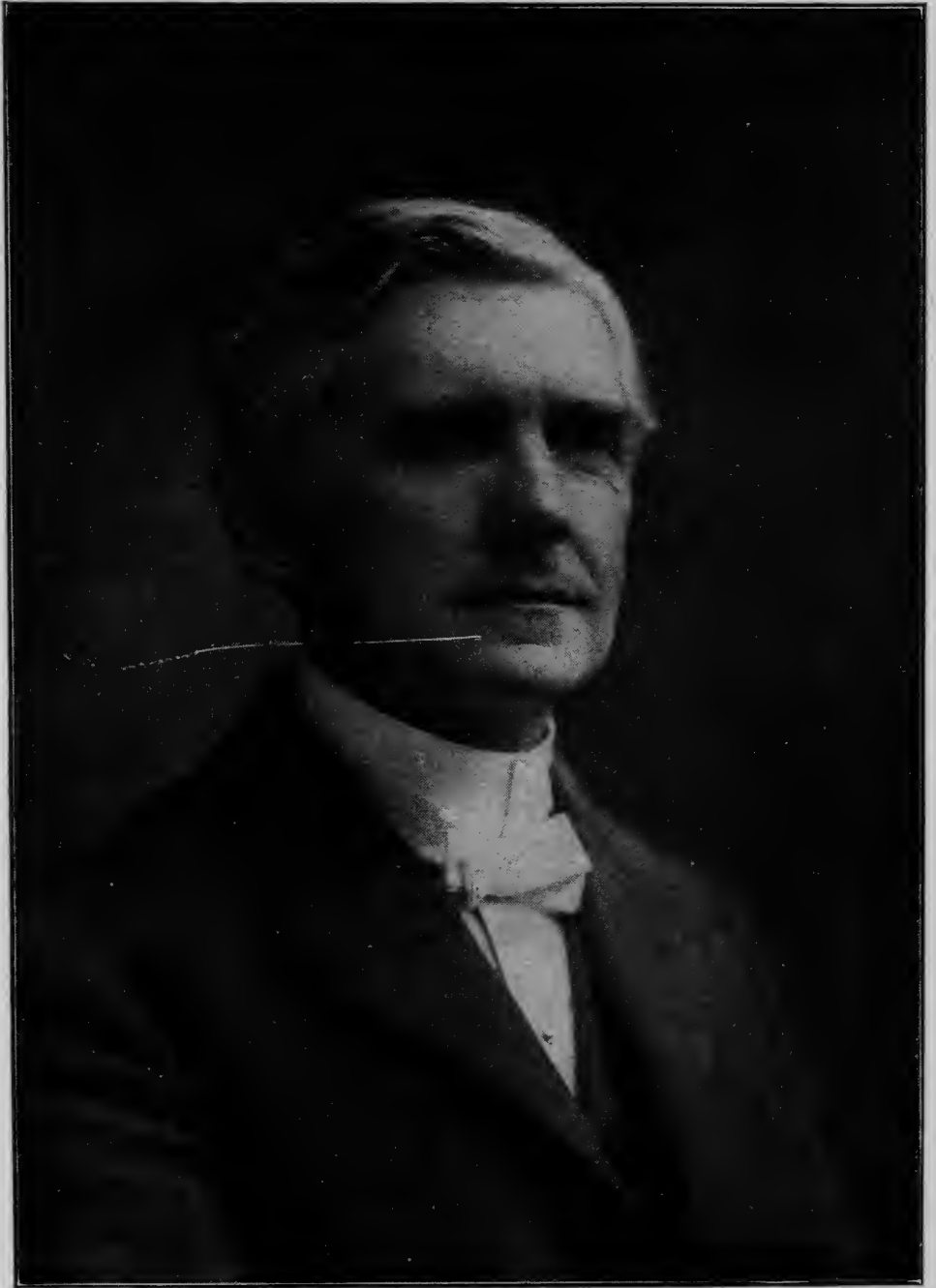
JOHN EMORY GODBEY.

Born August 11, 1839, in Casey County, Ky. Son of Rev. Josiah and Lena Kelly Godbey. He left the sophomore class at St. Charles College to enter the itinerancy in the St. Louis Conference. He was licensed to preach in the fall of 1859. His first appointment was Independence Circuit. He has served the following charges: Asbury, one year; Merrimac Circuit, two and a half years; Union Circuit, two years; Washington Station, four years; Labadie Circuit; Labadie and Washington, one year; Washington and St. Clair, one year; Salem District, three years; First Church, St. Louis, two years; Page Avenue Church, St. Louis, four years; editor *Southwestern Methodist*, eight years; Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, one year; Kirkwood, two years; Kansas City District, Southwest Missouri Conference, four years; editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*, Little Rock Conference, eleven years. In 1905 he again entered the pastorate. Dr. Godbey was married November 2, 1865, to Miss Mary S. Holloway. He received the degree of D.D. from Emory College. He is the author of the following books: "The Methodist Church Member's Manual," "Light in Darkness; or, Missions and Missionary Heroes," and "Foundations of Faith." He was a member of the General Conferences of 1886, 1894, 1902, and 1906.

JOSEPH SIMPSON SCOBEE.

Born January 19, 1818, near Winchester, Ky. He is the son of Stephen and Hannah McKee Scobee. He was converted in his ninth year in Shelby County. He attended the private schools of Shelby County, and was for a while a student at Transylvania University, at Lexington. He was licensed to preach in 1840 by Jonathan Stamper, presiding elder of Shelbyville District, Kentucky Conference. In 1846 he was admitted on trial into the Louisville Conference at Hopkinsville, Bishop Andrew presiding. He was an active member of the Louisville Conference from 1846 to 1903, doing duty on circuits, stations, and districts. For fourteen years he was presiding elder. On account of family

affliction he located for two years. He served in the Confederate army, first as major and afterwards as chaplain and doing hospital work. For eight years he was the editor of the *Methodist Standard*. He was married August 28, 1850, and again December 12, 1876. When he began active life, there was no railroad nor turnpike road anywhere in Kentucky. He did not miss an appointment in his fifty-seven years of active service. As presiding elder he never missed a Quarterly Conference. He never had but one serious spell of sickness in his life. Though past ninety years of age, he is in good health, frequently preaching in the city and at some of his old charges. He is one of the most regular attendants at the Monday morning preachers' meetings in Louisville.



REV. J. D. HAMMOND, D.D.,
Secretary of Education.

EDUCATION.

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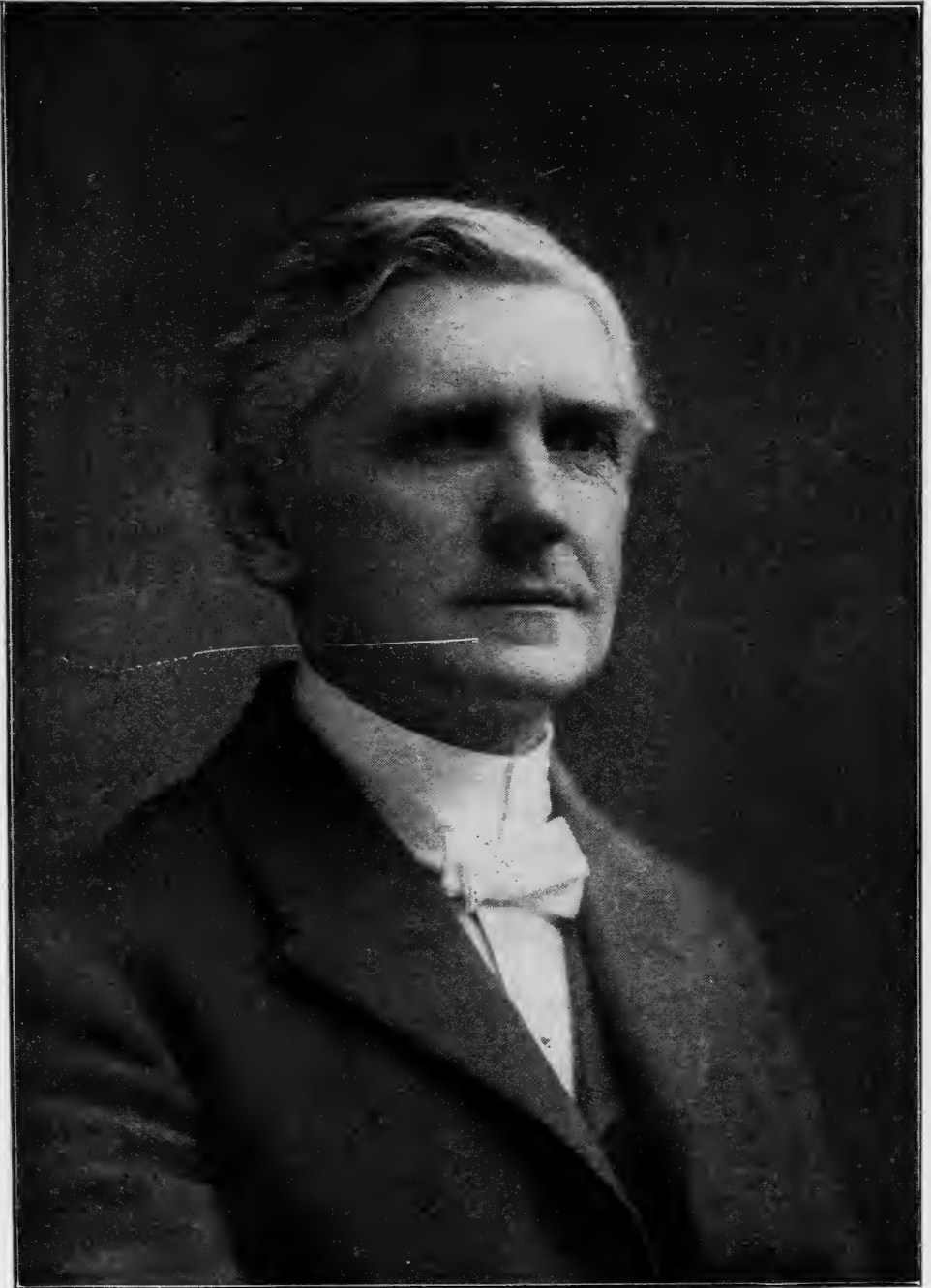
The response of the Church to the request for increased resources indicates a growing appreciation of the cause of education. The total income of the Board for the year 1907-08 is \$54,283.18—an increase over the preceding year of \$14,061.20. A large and inviting field of usefulness is opened in the undeveloped educational territory. It is feared that our resources will not be equal to the demand. The committee appointed in 1907 to investigate the question of school extension work in the mountain districts of several Conferences report: (1) That there are numerous strategic localities in which there is no high school really adequate to the needs; (2) that in many of these localities our Church has already enterprised schools; and (3) that these schools are welcomed and aided by the people.

The Board has now reached a point where it is able to give its practical attention to secondary education. The Commission on Education has clearly defined the field of our secondary schools and has furnished the Board with valuable information.

The institutions which, while chartered as colleges, do not meet the requirements of a college and yet are above the grade of secondary schools should be designated "unclassified."

WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The school of the Columbia and East Columbia Conferences at Milton, Oregon, has become a junior college, and will correlate its work with that of Whitman College, a thoroughly Christian but nonsectarian institution at Walla Walla. Rev. H. S. Shangle is agent. The patronage and popularity of the school are growing. The erection of an administration building has been undertaken. It seems likely that the patronizing Conferences will raise the \$50,000 necessary.



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THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

(Facts gleaned from the fourteenth annual report of the Board of Education.)

The response of the Church to the request for increased resources indicates a growing appreciation of the cause of education. The total income of the Board for the year 1907-08 is \$54,283.18—an increase over the preceding year of \$14,061.20. A large and inviting field of usefulness is opened in the undeveloped educational territory. It is feared that our resources will not be equal to the demand. The committee appointed in 1907 to investigate the question of school extension work in the mountain districts of several Conferences report: (1) That there are numerous strategic localities in which there is no high school really adequate to the needs; (2) that in many of these localities our Church has already enterprised schools; and (3) that these schools are welcomed and aided by the people.

The Board has now reached a point where it is able to give its practical attention to secondary education. The Commission on Education has clearly defined the field of our secondary schools and has furnished the Board with valuable information.

The institutions which, while chartered as colleges, do not meet the requirements of a college and yet are above the grade of secondary schools should be designated "unclassified."

WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The school of the Columbia and East Columbia Conferences at Milton, Oregon, has become a junior college, and will correlate its work with that of Whitman College, a thoroughly Christian but nonsectarian institution at Walla Walla. Rev. H. S. Shangle is agent. The patronage and popularity of the school are growing. The erection of an administration building has been undertaken. It seems likely that the patronizing Conferences will raise the \$50,000 necessary.

The appropriation for the Training School at Stevensville, Mont., was not used last year, as this institution temporarily suspended operations on account of the lack of local patronage. Rev. G. H. Gibbs has undertaken to raise \$15,000 for a dormitory, which is badly needed. The Training School is in the center of a section which is most favorable for a large patronage, and the prospects of the institution, which resumed operations in September, are bright.

Operations in behalf of the California Junior College have been retarded on account of the recent panic. The location of the institution is still an unsettled question; but there is no doubt of the ultimate and successful establishment of the college. Bishop Atkins considers it the most important single work of our Church on the Pacific Coast in California.

WORK FOR THE NEGRO.

The C. M. E. Church is a growing organization. The educational spirit is strong. Our possibilities in this field are inviting. The institutions brought into existence by our colored brethren are struggling with debt. The sacrifices being made by those in charge are great and pathetic. They need our help. Bishop Williams has raised \$11,400 for the school near Birmingham. Bishop Phillips has raised a larger amount for the school at Tyler, Tex. Bishop Cottrell has raised \$40,000 for the school at Holly Springs, Miss. Bishop Lane has succeeded in raising funds for a new dormitory for the college at Jackson, Tenn. Bishop Holsey has been engaged in building a secondary school in South Georgia as a feeder to Paine College, which is steadily growing in the thoroughness and extent of its work. Prof. J. W. Gilbert, the Board's special agent, has done great good by his visits to our Annual Conferences. His expenses have been met by the Woman's Board, which is to build a dormitory for girls at Paine College. The General Education Board of New York has promised to give \$5,000 for this dormitory, provided the Woman's Board raises a certain amount.

THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

The Correspondence School, Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, Director, reports the following statistics: Students enrolled during the year 1907-08, 932; members of the Extension Library, 157; attendants on the Biblical Institute, 100; members of the Quiet Hour League, over 100.

Of the 932 students, 60 came from the Oklahoma Conference, 57 from the South Georgia Conference, 46 from the North Carolina Conference, and 45 from the Northwest Texas Conference.

In editing the *Quiet Hour* quarterly the assistance of Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Dr. G. B. Winton, and others has been secured.

Rev. C. B. Duncan, of the Missouri Conference, is assistant in the work of the Correspondence School in place of Rev. Paul B. Kern, who resigned his position to enter the pastorate.

In addition to the director and assistant, the successful handling of thousands of papers during the year has required the services of a secretary, two office helpers, and seven instructors.

The receipts during the year (not including balance on hand at the beginning of the year) were \$9,396.97; disbursements, \$11,431.07. There was a balance on hand April 15, 1908, amounting to \$2,604.65. The work of the Correspondence School is being kept up to its high standard of efficiency, and is rapidly growing in favor with the Conferences.

The year has witnessed the largest registration and the greatest increase of income of any other in the history of the Teachers' Bureau.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Received.

Balance on hand April 20, 1907.....	\$10,545 75
Educational Extension Collection.....	34,828 13
Correspondence School.....	5,914 16
Children's Day, Teachers' Bureau, etc.....	2,745 14
Remittance from South Georgia for Paine Annex.....	250 00—\$54,283 18

Expended.

General Board of Education.....	\$11,061 18
Correspondence School.....	11,431 07
Colored work.....	13,931 25
Western work.....	2,500 00
Paine Annex.....	250 00
Total.....	\$39,173 50
Balance on hand April 27, 1908.....	15,109 68—\$54,283 18

According to the plan of distribution the collection for Educational Extension was apportioned as follows:

Thirty per cent to General Board.....	\$10,448 44
Thirty per cent to school work.....	10,448 44
Forty per cent to colored work.....	13,931 25
Total amount distributed.....	\$34,828 13

THE OUTLOOK.

The year has been a turning point in the history of the Board. The work was never before in so prosperous a condition. The Secretary, J. D. Hammond, visited nineteen Annual Conferences; Dr. R. G. Waterhouse, seven.

The forward movement has infused new life into the Annual Conferences. The new assessment has met a generous response.

The executive duties of the Board are increasing. An increase of force in office and field is necessary. If the annual increase in collections on the general assessment keeps pace with that of the past, the income proposed to meet the proposed increase of force will be had in another year.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in the First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., at 9:15 A.M., with Bishop Galloway in the chair. Members present: Bishop C. B. Galloway, J. D. Hammond, W. W. Smith, J. C. Kilgo, W. B. Murrah, H. N. Snyder, John Massey, C. E. Dowman, W. R. Webb, H. P. Hamill, R. G. Waterhouse, S. G. Thompson, D. B. Price, and J. H. Kirkland.

COMMITTEES.

Colored Work.—W. R. Webb, S. G. Thompson, R. G. Waterhouse.

Correspondence School.—W. B. Murrah, H. N. Snyder, C. E. Dowman.

Secretary's Report.—J. C. Kilgo, W. W. Smith, John Massey.

Auditing Committee.—H. P. Hamill, D. B. Price.

Permanent Committee on Classification.—J. D. Hammond, W. D. Kirkland, W. R. Webb, R. G. Waterhouse, H. N. Snyder.

SOME RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

That the executive officers of the Board be instructed to insist on written and official communications concerning all matters to be brought before this Board wherever it is at all practicable.

That we note the reference in the resolutions adopted by the College of Bishops to ¶200 of the Discipline, and beg to say that the Board regards the action of its Executive Committee in confirming Vanderbilt Trustees elected in June, 1907, as final and authoritative.

We suggest that the Board pay \$1,500 for the support of the Agent of Stevensville Training School for the year.

We recommend that we appropriate to the varied schools of the C. M. E. Church at least as much as we have given them in the past; and if our financial condition admit, we instruct our Secretary to increase those appropriations by using any unappropriated funds in his hands raised for the negro work.

That all applications to this Board for aid from the School Extension Fund must be indorsed by the Conference Board of Education from whose territory the application comes, and this condition shall be construed as applicable even in cases that have been so far acted upon favorably by this Board.

That we declare it to be the unwavering purpose of the M. E. Church, South, to furnish academic, collegiate, and university training, which shall have it as its aim to develop the physical, mental, and spiritual powers to the highest possible point and to bring all these developed powers into captivity to Christ, that our children may do their work in life in right relation to God and to humanity, and thus work together with God to bring in the Master's kingdom.

THE ATLANTA EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

In connection with the meeting of the Board in Atlanta, Ga., May 19-21, 1908, was an Educational Convention, which was full of interest and fraught with rich possibilities.

Addresses were delivered by the following during the convention: Rev. J. W. Lee, D.D., Bishop C. B. Galloway, Rev. F. W. Hinitt, D.D., Professor W. R. Webb, Rev. C. H. Briggs, D.D., H. N. Snyder, Litt.D., LL.D., W. S. Witham, Rev. John R. Nelson, Rev. Eugene Blake, Rev. W. W. Ainsworth, D.D., Judge W. R. Hammond, Rev. Luke G. Johnson, and Bishop W. A. Candler.

Papers were read by the following: Professor W. P. Few, Professor J. D. Clary, Rev. A. H. Godbey, Ph.D., J. H. Kirkland, LL.D., D.C.L., Professor J. L. Cuninggim, Hon. DuPont Guerrey, Bishop James Atkins, Rev. D. B. Price, D. C. Barrow, LL.D., Henry S. Pritchett, LL.D., Rev. J. H. Stevenson, Ph.D., D. L. Anderson, D.D., Rev. S. H. Wainright, D.D., Rev. J. A. Sharp, Rev. J. S. Jenkins, and Rev. George Williams Walker, D.D.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

1907-08.

UNIVERSITIES.

"An institution to be classified as a university shall have a productive endowment of not less than one million dollars, and shall be organized on a basis of professional schools and of elective studies, with departments of original research."—Classification adopted by the Commission on Education.

Vanderbilt University, located at Nashville, Tenn. J. H. Kirkland, LL.D., D.C.L. Value of grounds and all buildings, \$1,250,000; total endowment, \$1,500,000; number of students, 903; number of students looking to the ministry, 106.

COLLEGES—CLASS "A."

"In order to be admitted to Class 'A' of colleges an institution must have an endowment fund of not less than one hundred thousand dollars. For the present, however, this requirement will not be made of colleges for women."—Classification adopted by the Commission on Education.

NAME OF INSTITUTION.	LOCATION.	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER.	Value of Grounds and Build- ings.	Endowment.	Total Number of Students.	Number Stu- dents look- ing to Min- istry.
Central College	Fayette, Mo.....	Wm. A. Webb, A.B.....	\$ 200,000	\$ 172,069	181	36
Emory College.....	Oxford, Ga.....	Rev. James E. Dickey, D.D.....	200,000	239,525	265	40
Hendrix College.....	Conway, Ark.....	Rev. S. Anderson, A.B., D.D.....	79,000	132,875	243	34
Millsaps College.....	Jackson, Miss.....	Rev. W. B. Murrah, D.D., LL.D.....	170,000	230,000	300	22
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland, Va.....	R. E. Blackwell, A.M., LL.D.....	136,305	234,768	153	28
Randolph-Macon Woman's College...	Lynchburg, Va.....	W. W. Smith, A.M., LL.D.....	276,421	210,336	390	.....
Southwestern University.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	R. S. Hyer, A.M., LL.D.....	370,000	130,000	711	95
Trinity College.....	Durham, N. C.....	Rev. J. C. Kilgo, A.M., D.D.....	624,302	441,339	302	25
Wesleyan Female College	Macon, Ga.....	Hon. DuPont Guerrey.....	300,000	25,000	446	.....
Wofford College	Spartanburg, S. C.	H. N. Snyder, Litt.D., LL.D.....	210,000	107,657	287	20
Total			\$2,566,028	\$1,923,619	3,278	300

COLLEGES—CLASS "B."

"In order to be classed as a college, an institution must employ not less than seven professors, or adjunct professors, giving their entire time (at least fifteen hours a week) to college instruction. It shall have, exclusive of matriculation and tuition fees, a permanent annual income of five thousand dollars, which may arise from interest on endowment fund, Conference assessments, private gifts, or net earnings from board or dormitories."—Classification adopted by the Commission on Education.

Emory and Henry College.....	Emory, Va.....	Rev. R. G. Waterhouse, D.D.....	\$125,000	\$ 10,000	230	25
Galloway College.....	Searcy, Ark.....	J. M. Williams, A.B.....	90,000	.....	245	.....
Kentucky Wesleyan College.....	Winchester, Ky.....	H. K. Taylor, A.M.....	100,000	65,500	202	13
Polytechnic College	Fort Worth, Tex.....	H. A. Boaz, B.S., M.A., D.D.....	150,000	2,000	471	30
Southern University.....	Greensboro, Ala...	Rev. S. M. Hosmer, Ph.B., D.D.....	190,500	114,392	180	35
Total			\$655,500	\$189,892	1,328	103

UNCLASSIFIED INSTITUTIONS.

"Institutions failing to meet the requirements for admission to Class 'B' of colleges shall not be classed as colleges."—Classification adopted by the Commission on Education.

Alabama Conference Female College.	Tuskegee, Ala.....	John Massey, A.M., LL.D.....	\$ 125,000	\$ 15,300	145	.....
Andrew Female College.....	Cuthbert, Ga.....	Rev. J. W. Malone, A.M., D.D.....	100,000	.....	155	.....
Athens College.....	Athens, Ala.....	Miss Mary Norman Moore.....	125,000	.....	223	.....
Birmingham College.....	Birmingham, Ala.....	Rev. J. H. McCoy, A.M., D.D.....	140,000	1,000	175	20
Bowling Green Female Seminary.....	Bowling Green, Va.....	Rev. E. H. Rowe.....	12,000	.....	30	.....
Centenary College of Louisiana.....	Shreveport, La.....	W. L. Weber, A.M., LL.D.....	100,000	.....	.....	.....
Centenary Female College.....	Cleveland, Tenn.....	Rev. J. W. Repass, A.M., D.D.....	90,000	.....	20	.....
Central College for Women.....	Lexington, Mo.....	Rev. G. M. Gibson, D.D.....	150,000	.....	171	.....
Chappell Hill Female College.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	J. E. Willis, A.M.....	20,000	.....	85	.....
Clarendon College.....	Clarendon, Tex.....	Rev. Geo. S. Slover.....	80,000	.....	279	8
Columbia College.....	Columbia, S. C.....	Rev. W. W. Daniel, A.M., D.D.....	225,000	1,500	289	.....
Columbia College.....	Milton, Oregon.....	W. C. Howard, A.B.....	15,000	8,000	130	1
Coronal Institute.....	San Marcos, Tex.....	Rev. Sterling Fisher.....	80,000	.....	261	1
Davenport College.....	Lenoir, N. C.....	Chas. C. Weaver, A.B., Ph.D.....	40,000	.....	170	.....
Epworth University.....	Oklahoma City, Ok.....	G. H. Bradford, D.D.....	400,000	60,000	556	18
Greensboro Female College.....	Greensboro, N. C.....	Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson.....	200,000	10,000	220	.....
Grenada College.....	Grenada, Miss.....	W. L. Clifton, Ph.B., A.B.....	85,000	.....	151	.....
Henderson College.....	Arkadelphia, Ark.....	John H. Hinemon, A.M.....	110,000	.....	333	11
Hiwassee College.....	Sweetwater, Tenn.....	Rev. Eugene Blake.....	12,500	.....	127	4
Howard-Payne College.....	Fayette, Mo.....	Rev. Henry E. Stout, Ph.B.....	75,000	13,500	217	.....
Lagrange College.....	Lagrange, Ga.....	Rufus W. Smith, A.M.....	166,000	23,187	200	.....
Lander College.....	Greenwood, S. C.....	Rev. John O. Willson, D.D.....	70,000	900	170	.....
Logan College for Young Ladies.....	Russellville, Ky.....	B. E. Atkins, A.M.....	40,000	.....	127	.....
Louisburg College.....	Louisburg, N. C.....	Mrs. Mary Davis Allen.....	20,000	.....	125	.....
Mansfield Female College.....	Mansfield, La.....	O. S. Dean, A.B.....	50,000	.....	116	.....
Martha Washington College.....	Abingdon, Va.....	Rev. S. D. Long, D.D.....	84,000	4,000	190	.....
Martin College.....	Palaski, Tenn.....	W. T. Wynn, A.B.....	50,000	30,000	110	.....
Memphis Conf. Female Institute.....	Jackson, Tenn.....	A. B. Jones, M.A., D.D., LL.D.....	50,000	.....	245	.....
Millersburg Female College.....	Millersburg, Ky.....	Rev. C. C. Fisher, A.M.....	45,000	.....	140	.....
Morris Harvey College.....	Barbours'le, W. Va.....	D. W. Shaw, A.M.....	75,000	.....	160	8
Morrisville College.....	Morrisville, Mo.....	Rev. A. H. Godbey, A.M., Ph.D.....	25,000	5,000	209	5
North Texas Female College.....	Sherman, Tex.....	Mrs. L. A. Kidd-Key.....	100,000	.....	532	.....
Northwest Missouri College.....	Albany, Mo.....	Rev. James R. Clay, A.M.....	50,000	.....	121	.....
Pacific Methodist College.....	Santa Rosa, Cal.....	.....	15,000	.....	.....	.....
Port Gibson Female College.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	Rev. H. G. Hawkins, A.B.....	37,500	.....	109	.....
San Angelo Collegiate Institute.....	San Angelo, Tex.....	W. M. Crutchfield, B.S.....	70,000	.....	238	6
San Antonio Female College.....	San Antonio, Tex.....	Rev. J. E. Harrison, A.B.....	125,000	.....	215	.....
South Georgia College.....	McRae, Ga.....	R. J. Strozier, A.M.....	75,000	.....	572	3
Southern College.....	Sutherland, Fla.....	Rev. J. P. Hilburn, D.D.....	185,000	3,000	230	7
Southern Seminary.....	Buena Vista, Va.....	Rev. E. H. Rowe.....	100,000	.....	116	.....
Spaulding Female College.....	Muskogee, Okla.....	Rev. O. B. Staples, A.M.....	75,000	.....	150	1
Sullins College.....	Bristol, Va.....	W. E. Martin, A.M., Ph.D.....	150,000	.....	310	.....
Warthen College.....	Wrightsville, Ga.....	Rev. W. E. Lumley, Ph.D.....	40,000	.....	300	.....
Weaverville College.....	Weaverville, N. C.....	Rev. L. B. Abernethy.....	34,000	.....	268	12
Whitworth College.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Rev. I. W. Cooper, A.M., D.D.....	125,000	255	255	.....
Willie Halsell College.....	Vinita, Okla.....	G. P. Ferree, A.M., M.D.....	25,000	.....	77	1
Young L. G. Harris College.....	Young Harris, Ga.....	Rev. J. A. Sharp, A.B.....	50,000	9,000	450	26
Total.....			\$4,116,000	\$184,642	9,643	132

ACADEMIES.

"Academies are secondary institutions that have a four years' course beyond the eight years of elementary preparation, and that require as the minimum amount of work for an academy year at least four academic subjects, studied thirty-eight weeks a year, eighteen periods a week, averaging forty-five minutes a period.

"Of these academies there shall be two classes, Class 'A' and Class 'B.' Academies of Class 'A' shall furnish a four years' course meeting the requirements for entrance into colleges demanding fourteen units for entrance.

"Academies of Class 'B' shall furnish courses meeting the requirements for entrance into colleges demanding twelve units for entrance."—Classification adopted by Commission on Education.

NAME OF INSTITUTION.	LOCATION.	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER.	Value of Grounds and Build- ings.	Endowment.	Total Number of Students.	Number Stu- dents look- ing to the Ministry.
A.						
Alexander Collegiate Institute.....	Jacksonville, Tex.	Rev. W. K. Strother, M.A.....	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,000	200	4
Alleghany Collegiate Institute.....	Alderson, W. Va.	Rev. E. H. Rowe.....	17,500		119	
Blackstone Female Institute.....	Blackstone, Va.	Rev. James Cannon, Jr., A.M.....	125,000		403	
Carlisle Fitting School.....	Bamberg, S. C.	Prof. W. S. Hogan, A.B.	30,000	5,000	81	2
Centenary Academy.....	Palmyra, Mo.	Rev. James A. Lanier.....	18,000		126	1
Clary Training School.....	Fordyce, Ark.	J. D. Clary.....	20,000		184	
Cokesbury Conference School.....	Cokesbury, S. C.	G. Benjamin Dukes, A.M.....	5,000	825	97	
Dyersburg District Training School...	Munford, Tenn.	Thos. L. Edwards.....	6,000		125	
Griffin District Institute.....	Zebulon, Ga.	Alex H. Stephens, Ph.B.....	7,500		130	1
Hargrove College.....	Ardmore, Okla.					
Lindsay-Wilson Training School.....	Columbia, Ky.	P. D. Neilson and R. R. Moss.....	25,000	10,000	290	6
Marvin University School.....	Clinton, Ky.	P. Nichols, LL.B., J. Nichols.....	20,000		75	4
Marvin Collegiate Institute.....	Fredericktown, Mo.	Rev. C. M. Gray, A.B.	65,000		208	24
McFerrin School.....	Martin, Tenn.	J. C. Roberts, A.M.	40,000	3,000	187	5
McTyeire School.....	McKenzie, Tenn.	James A. Robins, B.A.	17,000		87	
New London High School.....	New London, N.C.	Rev. James D. Rankin.....	6,000		160	3
North Texas University School.....	Terrell, Tex.	Rev. J. J. Morgan, A.M., B.D.	25,000		248	5
Piedmont Institute.....	Rockmart, Ga.	Prof. W. Colvin, M.S., LL.D.	25,000		484	1
Randolph-Macon Academy.....	Bedford City, Va.	E. Sumter Smith.....	100,000		227	9
Randolph-Macon Academy.....	Front Royal, Va.	Chas. L. Melton, A.M.	100,000		156	8
Randolph-Macon Institute.....	Danville, Va.	Chas. G. Evans, A.M.	85,000		188	
Reinhardt Normal College.....	Waleska, Ga.	R. C. Sharp, A.B.	8,000		320	7
Russell College.....	Lebanon, Ky.	R. H. Alderman, A.B.	25,000		165	
Rutherford College.....	Rutherford College, N. C.	Rev. W. W. Peele, A.B.	10,000		162	40
St. Charles Military College.....	St. Charles, Mo.	Col. Walter R. Kohr, A.B.	50,000		62	2
Sandy Valley Seminary.....	Paintsville, Ky.	J. M. Skinner, M.A., Ph.D.	100,000	90,000	140	2
Stamford Collegiate Institute.....	Stamford, Tex.	Rev. Jerome Duncan.....	130,000		266	
Stevensville Training School.....	Stevensville, Mont.		15,000			

Stuttgart Training School.....	Stuttgart, Ark.....	C. Orear, A.B.....	1,500	105	1
Sue Bennett Memorial School.....	London, Ky.....	J. C. Lewis, M.A.....	60,000	365	
Trinity High School.....	Trinity, N. C.....		25,000	135	
Trinity Park School.....	Durham, N. C.....	Rev. H. M. North, A.B.....	104,325	185	6
University Training School.....	Blooming Grove, Tex.....	W. M. Board, B.A.....	105,000	132	1
Vanderbilt Training School.....	Elkton, Ky.....		42,000	93	
Vanderbilt Training School.....	Smith's Grove, Ky.....	C. N. Weems, A.B.....	10,000	114	2
Wall School.....	Honey Grove, Tex.....		25,000		
Weatherford College & Tra'g School..	Weatherford, Tex.....	J. R. Fisher, W. T. Rowland.....	15,000	145	
Wofford College Fitting School.....	Spartanburg, S. C.....	A. Mason DuPré, A.B., A.M.....	40,000	181	3
Woodson Institute.....	Richmond, Mo.....	H. M. Ivy.....	50,000	140	
B.					
Brevard Institute.....	Brevard, N. C.....	C. H. Trowbridge, A.M.....	20,000	215	1
Fairmount College.....	Fairmount, Ga.....		8,000		
Gentry-Hendrix Academy.....	Gentry, Ark.....		13,000		
Jonesville Institute.....	Jonesville, Va.....	Rev. C. A. Brown, A.B., A.M.....	16,000	175	
Kentucky Wesleyan Academy.....	Campton, Ky.....	Edgar E. Whiteside, A.B., A.M.....	8,000	238	
Mena-Hendrix Academy.....	Mena, Ark.....		15,000		
Mississippi Conf. Training School.....	Montrose, Miss.....	Rev. C. M. Chapman, B.L.....	10,000	250	6
Pikeville Training School.....	Pikeville, Tenn.....	W. R. Neece.....	15,000	100	
Princeton Collegiate Institute.....	Princeton, W. Va.....		10,000	110	
Pryor Institute.....	Jasper, Tenn.....	M. M. Dossett, Ph.B.....	30,000	187	
Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	Key West, Fla.....		20,000	220	
Sloan-Hendrix Academy.....	Imboden, Ark.....	W. W. Williamson, M.A.....	15,000	70	3
University Training School.....	Granbury, Tex.....	Rev. Atticus Webb, A.M.....	20,000	126	
Total.....			\$1,812,825	\$112,825	8,176 147

SCHOOLS NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMIES.

Ann Browder Cunningham School....	Dallas, Tex.....	Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	\$ 15,000	91	
Day School (Japanese).....	Alameda, Cal.....			37	
Holston Industrial School.....	Greeneville, Tenn.....	Mrs. E. E. Wiley.....	35,000	113	
McKinley Memorial Institute.....	Bull's Gap, Tenn.....	Rev. W. D. Sharp, Ph.D.....	3,000	175	
Night School (Japanese).....	Alameda, Cal.....	Miss Pearl Standifer.....	8,500	73	
Night School (Cuban).....	Ybor City, Fla.....			30	
Night School (Korean).....	San Francisco, Cal.....	Mrs. E. S. Adams.....		27	
Night School (Korean).....	Sacramento, Cal.....			7	
Scarritt Collegiate Institute.....	Neosho, Mo.....		30,000		
Vashti Industrial School.....	Thomasville, Ga.....	E. E. Bishop.....	30,000	70	
West Tampa School (Cuban).....	Tampa, Fla.....	Miss Emelina Valdes.....	2,000	75	
Woff Mission School (Cuban).....	Ybor City, Fla.....	Josephine Baker.....	9,000	150	
Total.....			\$132,500	848	

INSTITUTIONS IN FOREIGN FIELDS UNDER CONTROL OF MISSION BOARDS.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION.	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER.	Value of Grounds and Build- ings.	Endowment.	Total Number of Students.	Number Stu- dents look- ing to the Ministry.
A.						
Granbery College.....	Juiz de Fora, Braz.	Rev. J. W. Tarboux, D.D.....	\$ 80,000.....	.....	306	12
Kwansei Gakuin.....	Kobé, Japan.....	Y. Yoshioka.....	51,030.....	.....	217	16
Soochow University.....	Soochow, China....	Rev. D. L. Anderson, D.D.....	150,000.....	.....	233	.....
B.						
Anglo-Chinese College.....	Shanghai, China...	John W. Cline, B.A.....	100,000.....	.....	185	3
Candler College.....	Havana, Cuba.....	Rev. E. E. Clements, A.B.....	50,000.....	.....	225	.....
Carolina Institute.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	5,000.....	.....	50	.....
Clopton-Lambuth.....	Shanghai, China...	Miss Helen L. Richardson.....	5,000.....	.....	158	.....
Colegio Wesleyano.....	San Luis Potosi, Mex....	Rev. F. S. Onderdonk.....	30,000.....	\$5,000.....	20	.....
Colegio Colon.....	Guadalajara, Mex.	Miss Norwood Wynn.....	35,500.....	.....	170	.....
Colegio Inglés.....	Saltillo, Mex.....	Miss Lelia Roberts.....	25,000.....	.....	235	.....
Colegio Inglés.....	San Luis Potosi, Mex....	Miss Frances B. Moling.....	25,000.....	.....	236	.....
Colegio Inglés.....	Camaguey, Cuba.....	Rev. James P. Lancaster.....	.....	.....	120	.....
Colegio Inglés.....	Santiago, Cuba.....	E. Y. Davis.....	12,000.....	.....	200	.....
Colegio Palmore.....	Chihuahua, Mex.....	Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	50,000.....	.....	751	1
Colegio Americano.....	Petropolis, Brazil.....	Miss E. B. Perkinson.....	20,000.....	.....	65	.....
Colegio Americano.....	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...	Miss Elizabeth Davis.....	.....	.....	93	.....
Colegio Methodist.....	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil...	Miss Ada Parker.....	.....	.....	87	.....
Colegio Piracicabano.....	Piracicaba, Brazil.....	Miss L. A. Stradley.....	35,000.....	.....	133	.....
Davidson Memorial.....	W. Soochow, China.....	Miss Virginia Atkinson.....	8,000.....	.....	300	.....
Day School.....	Tsangien, China.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....
Day School.....	Saungling, China.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....
Day Schools (3).....	Shanghai, China.....	.....	.....	.....	142	.....
Day Schools (2).....	Kading, China.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....
Day Schools (3).....	Sung-Kiang, China.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....
Day School.....	Wonsan, Korea.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....
Day Schools (2).....	Kauli, China.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Day Schools (2).....	Songdo, Korea.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....
Day Schools (5).....	Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Day Schools (20).....	W. Soochow, China.....	Miss M. M. Tarrant.....	5,000.....	.....	32	.....
Effie Edington Day School.....	El Paso, Tex.....	Miss Fannie Montagu.....	.....	.....	92	.....
Eliza Bowman.....	Cienfuegos, Cuba.....	Miss H. G. Carson.....	27,500.....	.....	80	.....
Girls' School.....	Hiroshima, Japan.....	Miss N. B. Gaines.....	40,000.....	.....	956	.....
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School.....	Sung-Kiang, China.....	Mrs. Julia Gaither.....	8,000.....	.....	50	.....

Huchow District School.....	Huchow, China.....	Rev. W. A. Estes, A.B.....			54	2
Industrial School.....	W. Soochow, China.....	Miss M. C. White.....			60	
Irene Toland.....	Matanzas, Cuba.....	Miss Rebecca Toland.....			269	
Isabella Hendrix.....	Bello Horizonte, Brazil.....	Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	40,000		60	
Kobé Institute.....	Kobé, Japan.....	Rev. S. A. Stewart.....	12,000		140	
Lambuth Memorial Institute.....	Kobé, Japan.....	Miss Maud Bonnell.....	12,500		12	12
Laredo Seminary.....	Laredo, Tex.....	Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	15,000		312	
Laura Haygood Memorial.....	Soochow, China.....	Miss Martha Pyle.....	5,000		50	
Laurens Institute.....	Monterey, Mex.....	Wm. F. Quillian, A.B.....	35,000		460	2
Lucy Cuningham.....	Wonsan, Korea.....	Miss Mamie D. Myers.....	6,000		60	
MacDonell Institute.....	Durango, Mexico.....	Miss Ellie B. Tydings.....	20,000		375	
Mary Keener Institute.....	City of Mexico.....	Miss Esther Case.....			340	
McLain Training School.....	Sung-Kiang, China.....	Rev. H. T. Reed, B.D.....	7,500		65	12
McTyeire and McGavock.....	Shanghai, China.....	Miss Helen Richardson.....	25,000		216	
Methvin Institute.....	Anadarko, Okla.....	C. F. Mitchell, A.B.....	75,000		75	
Mineiro.....	Juiz de Fora, Braz.....	Miss Ida Shaffer.....	30,000		95	
Night Schools (6).....	Japan.....				394	
Pai Chai College.....	Seoul, Korea.....				130	
Porto Alegre.....	Porto Alegre, Braz.....	Miss Della Wright.....			201	
Sung-Kiang Boarding School.....	Sung-Kiang, China.....	Miss Alice Waters.....	10,000		120	
Tallulah Hargrove.....	Songdo, Korea.....	Miss Arrena Carroll.....	6,000		70	
Tennessee Home & Memphis School.....	Huchow, China.....	Miss Lochie Rankin.....	2,000		100	
Virginia School.....	Huchow, China.....	Miss Minnie Bomar.....	10,000		100	
Woman's Work.....	Soochow, China.....	Miss Ida Anderson.....				
Woman's Work.....	Sao Paulo, Brazil.....	Miss Amelia Elerding.....				
Woman's Work.....	Changchow, China.....	Miss Ella D. Leveritt.....				
Total.....			\$1,073,030	\$5,000	9,088	60

SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Meth. Training School for Christian Workers.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Jas. E. McCulloch, A.B., B.D.....	\$ 50,000		60	
Scarritt Bible & Training School.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	Miss M. L. Gibson.....	67,000	\$100,000	79	
Total.....			\$117,000	\$100,000	139	

SCHOOLS FOR NEGROES AIDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Lane College.....	Jackson, Tenn.....	Prof. J. F. Lane, A.M.....	\$ 35,000		310	
Miles Memorial College.....	Birmingham, Ala.....	Rev. J. A. Bray.....				20
Miss. Theological and Industrial College.....	Holly Spr'gs, Miss.....	DeWitt C. Potts.....	75,000		446	23
Paine College.....	Augusta, Ga.....	Rev. Geo. Wms. Walker, D.D.....	53,784	\$35,485	277	
Texas College.....	Tyler, Tex.....	S. W. Broome, A.M.....	30,000		247	
Total.....			\$193,784	\$35,485	1,280	43

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of universities, 1.
Number of "A" colleges, 10.
Number of "B" colleges, 5.
"Unclassified" institutions, 47.
"A" academies, 39.
"B" academies, 13.
Schools not meeting requirements for academies, 12.
Schools in foreign fields under control of Mission Boards, 59.
Special institutions, 2.
Schools for negroes aided by Board of Education, 5.
Total number of educational institutions, 193.
Total value of grounds and buildings, \$11,916,667.
Number of buildings completed or erected last year, 43.
Cost of such new buildings, \$721,000.
Volumes in libraries, 379,837.
Total endowment, \$4,051,463.
Value of gifts and legacies last year, \$321,560.
Total professors, assistants, and teachers, 1,954.
Total number of students, 34,683.
Number of students looking to the ministry, 891.
Number of students receiving free tuition, 3,117.
Number of schools having study of the Bible in the course, 109.

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

If religion be, as it were, so built into man as to be the heart of his being, it follows that the agencies which work most for its amelioration serve man in the highest possible degree. . . . Phidias helped to spiritualize the religion of Greece in a sense and degree that has no counterpart in the work of Raphael for Italy. . . . From religion, too, literature has received the problems which have given it dignity, the spirit which has breathed into it sublimity, and the soul which has been its life.—A. M. Fairbairn.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The convention which organized the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1845 appointed two Book Agents—John Early, of the Virginia Conference, and J. B. McFerrin, of the Tennessee Conference.

The General Conference of 1846 provided for a Book Agency, with depositories at Louisville, Ky., Charleston, S. C., and Richmond, Va.

The Agency made its first regular report to the Annual Conference, January 1, 1849. The assets then amounted to \$45,972.73, and the liabilities were \$20,972.93.

The property transferred by the Methodist Episcopal Church through the civil courts to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was as follows: Cash, principal and interest, \$293,334.50; individual notes and accounts, \$53,575.12; book stock, \$20,000; accounts against the Richmond and Nashville *Advocates*, \$9,500; presses at Richmond, Charleston, and Nashville, \$20,000, and cash, \$17,712.05; total, \$414,121.67. The available part of this property, together with the amount contributed for the purchase of a building in Nashville, Tenn., the capital already in hand, made the available assets \$386,152—amount reported by John Early, Agent, in January, 1853.

The Agency was discontinued by the General Conference of 1854, which adopted a plan for the establishment in Nashville, Tenn., of a publishing house. The plan called for two Book Agents and a Book Committee.

In August, 1854, suitable property for the purpose was purchased in Nashville for \$33,640.67. The sum of \$3,641.87 was expended in improvements.

The first financial exhibit, made August 1, 1855, showed the assets to be \$413,235.83, and liabilities \$83,386.18.

At the General Conference of 1858 the Committee on Books and Periodicals reported the Publishing House to be passing through a crisis, with liabilities amounting to \$101,000 and its available resources much less.

The Agent made a report March 1, 1862. There was no General Conference that year, and the report was made to the General Conference of 1874. The assets were \$395,264.86; liabilities, \$72,072.83. The Publishing House had sustained a considerable loss during the Civil War in consequence of its seizure by the United States authorities.

The Agent reported to the General Conference of 1878 assets amounting to \$569,091.84; liabilities, \$250,508. The Committee on Publishing Interests valued the assets at \$232,459.79, and the liabilities were raised to \$279,350.64. After the adjournment of the General Conference of 1878, the Book Committee, after an investigation, found the liabilities to be \$356,843.

In 1882 the Book Committee issued coupon bonds bearing four per cent interest, payable semiannually, and secured by mortgage on all the Publishing House property.

By April, 1882, the debt had been reduced to \$225,724, and by April 1, 1886, to \$85,885. On April 1, 1890, the assets were \$569,739.75, and the liabilities \$10,575.

At the General Conference of 1890 a change was made, providing for an Agent and an Assistant Book Agent; and Dr. J. D. Barbee was reëlected Agent, and D. M. Smith elected Assistant Book Agent. Barbee and Smith were reëlected in 1894 and again in 1898. At the General Conference of 1902 R. J. Bigham was elected Book Agent, and D. M. Smith Assistant. On the resignation of R. J. Bigham in July, 1903, D. M. Smith was elected Book Agent and A. J. Lamar Assistant. The General Conference of 1906 abolished the office of Assistant Book Agent and provided for two coördinate Publishing Agents. D. M. Smith and A. J. Lamar were elected, and they now hold the office.

The original building occupied by the Publishing House was partially destroyed by fire in 1872, and a new and more commodious one was erected on the same site, at the northeast corner of Court Square. Several years since the enlarging business of the Publishing House and other considerations made it evident that a new house was necessary, and a lot on the corner of Broadway and Ninth Avenue was purchased for its erection. In 1904 it was definitely decided to begin the building, and work was commenced. The new building is now complete and the Publishing House in-

stalled therein. The building is of strictly fireproof construction. The frame is of steel, the walls of stone and brick, and the floors of concrete. It is six stories in height, covering a space of 65x200 feet, with a rear extension for engine room, etc., two stories high and covering 65x40 feet.

The building is of beautiful and imposing appearance, an ornament to the city and an honor to the Church. Its situation—within less than two blocks of the Union Passenger Station, one block from the Customhouse and Post Office, and quite near the leading freight depots of Nashville—is well-nigh ideal. It is equipped with three elevators of the most approved pattern—two for passengers and one for freight—and is supplied throughout with the latest devices for preventing and extinguishing fires.

**BUSINESS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE FROM MARCH 31, 1890,
TO DECEMBER 31, 1907.**

YEAR.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Aggregate Sales.	Agents.
1891.....	\$ 607,507	\$ 10,335	\$ 336,808	Barbee & Smith.
1892.....	632,322	16,446	339,884	Barbee & Smith.
1893.....	659,516	13,339	343,707	Barbee & Smith.
1894.....	662,044	11,880	343,383	Barbee & Smith.
1895.....	712,931	12,659	355,013	Barbee & Smith.
1896.....	722,756	13,996	350,512	Barbee & Smith.
1897.....	725,404	14,954	326,528	Barbee & Smith.
1898.....	898,858	3,313	326,804	Barbee & Smith.
1899.....	911,685	9,196	350,416	Barbee & Smith.
1900.....	933,067	12,535	383,745	Barbee & Smith.
1901.....	964,867	17,181	400,700	Barbee & Smith.
1902.....	937,307	11,212	421,283	Bigham & Smith.
1903.....	905,525	16,239	437,336	Smith & Lamar.
1904.....	942,076	12,447	451,254	Smith & Lamar.
1905.....	988,896	27,455	*359,836	Smith & Lamar.
1906.....	1,134,256	144,798	543,680	Smith & Lamar.
1907.....	1,142,803	142,759	587,522	Smith & Lamar.
Total sales.....			\$ 6,668,411	

*Only nine months on account of a change in fiscal year.

PERIODICALS.

CONNECTIONAL.

The Christian Advocate.—Rev. G. B. Winton, D.D., Editor; Rev. S. M. Godbey, Assistant Editor; Rev. John M. Moore, D.D., Managing Editor; J. Arthur Johnson, Advertising Manager. Pages, 32. Price per year, \$2; to ministers, \$1. General organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Methodist Quarterly Review.—Gross Alexander, S.T.D., Editor. Price, \$2 per annum. Issued quarterly. Each issue contains about 200 pages.

The Epworth Era.—Rev. H. M. Du Bose, D.D., Editor; Rev. F. S. Parker, D.D., Assistant Editor. Illustrated. Sixteen pages.

Go Forward.—Published monthly by the Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn. Edited by the Secretaries, W. R. Lambuth, W. W. Pinson, J. R. Nelson, and Ed F. Cook. G. W. Cain, Business Manager. Twenty-five cents per year. Number of pages, 24. Illustrated.

Our Homes.—Published monthly by the Woman's Home Mission Society at Nashville, Tenn. Miss Mary Helm, Editor and Agent. Price per year, 50 cents. Illustrated. Number of pages, 32.

The Woman's Missionary Advocate.—Published monthly at Nashville, Tenn., by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent. Price per year, 50 cents. Number of pages, 48. Illustrated.

The Little Worker.—Published by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Summerfield, S. C., Editor; Miss Lena Freeman, Nashville, Tenn., Agent.

Sunday School Magazine.—Published monthly by Smith & Lamar. Rev. E. B. Chappell, D.D., Editor; Rev. L. F. Beaty, D.D., Assistant Editor. To individual addresses, 15 cents per quarter, 60 cents per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 50 cents each per annum, 12½ cents each per quarter.

Adult Student (S. S.).—Monthly; 32 pages. To individual addresses, 12 cents each per quarter, 45 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 35 cents each per annum, 10 cents each per quarter.

Senior Quarterly (S. S.).—To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, 3¼ cents each per quarter.

Home Department Quarterly (S. S.).—To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, 3¼ cents each per quarter; 32 pages.

Intermediate Quarterly (S. S.).—To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, 3¼ cents each per quarter.

The Junior Lessons (S. S.).—Quarterly; 32 pages. To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, $3\frac{1}{4}$ cents each per quarter.

Our Little People (S. S.).—Quarterly; 32 pages. To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 15 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 10 cents each per annum, 3 cents each per quarter.

Primary Teacher (S. S.).—Quarterly; 64 pages. To individual addresses, 15 cents each per quarter, 50 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, five or more copies, 40 cents each per annum, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents each per quarter.

The Visitor (S. S.).—To individual addresses, 15 cents each per quarter, 60 cents each per annum. Club rates: All in one package to one address, ten or more copies, 40 cents each per annum, 10 cents each per quarter.

Boys and Girls (S. S.).—Size, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ inches. Published monthly in weekly parts of four pages each. Price, 40 cents per annum.

Olivet Picture Cards (S. S.).—Club rate orders only. All must be sent to one address. Per annum, 10 cents per set; per quarter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per set.

Bible Lesson Pictures (S. S.).—Per annum, \$3; per quarter, 75 cents.

The Quiet Hour.—Published quarterly under the auspices of the Correspondence School by Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 25 cents. Organ of the Quiet Hour League.

CONFERENCE ORGANS.

Raleigh Christian Advocate (Raleigh, N. C.).—Rev. T. N. Ivey, D.D., Editor and Business Manager. Owned by Raleigh Advocate Company. Conference owns \$2,000 worth of stock. Printed by Mutual Publishing Company, in which Raleigh Advocate Company owns stock. Number of pages, 16. Price, per annum, \$1.50. Circulation, 8,600. Patronizing Conference, North Carolina.

Texas Christian Advocate (Dallas, Tex.).—Rev. G. C. Rankin, D.D., Editor; Blaylock Publishing Company, Publishers. Printed by contract. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2. Patronizing Conferences, the Texas Conferences and New Mexico. Circulation, 21,000.

Alabama Christian Advocate (Birmingham, Ala.).—Rev. J. S.

Chadwick, Editor and Business Manager. Published by contract. Conference ownership. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation, 10,000. Patronizing Conferences, Alabama and North Alabama. Established in 1881.

Midland Methodist (Nashville, Tenn.).—Rev. T. C. Schuler, Editor; O. W. Patton, Publisher. Printed by contract. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation, 6,750. Patronizing Conferences, Holston and Tennessee.

Southern Christian Advocate (Spartanburg, S. C.).—Rev. S. A. Nettles, Editor. Owned by South Carolina Conference. Printed by contract. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2. Circulation, 10,000. Patronizing Conference, South Carolina. Established, 1837.

Der Missions Freund (Galveston, Tex.).—Rev. J. A. G. Rabe, Editor. Owned by German Mission Conference. Number of pages, 8. Price, per year, \$1. Circulation, 650. Patronizing Conference, German Mission. The only German paper of the M. E. Church, South. Read by nearly every one of the German Methodists, South.

North Carolina Christian Advocate (Greensboro, N. C.).—Rev. Hugh M. Blair, Editor and Business Manager. Rev. W. L. Sherrill, Assistant Editor. Owned by Christian Advocate Publishing Company. Conference owns over \$6,000 of stock. Total capital paid in, \$10,000. Value of plant, \$12,000. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation 8,000. Patronizing Conference, Western North Carolina. Established, 1855.

Wesleyan Christian Advocate (Atlanta, Ga.).—Rev. W. C. Lovett, D.D., Editor; Rev. M. J. Cofer, D.D., Assistant Editor and Business Manager. Conference ownership. Published by contract. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2. Circulation, 11,200. Patronizing Conferences, North Georgia and South Georgia.

New Orleans Christian Advocate (New Orleans, La.).—Rev. John W. Boswell, D.D., Editor; Rev. H. Whitehead, Assistant Editor. Owned by Conference. Published by contract by Charles O. Chalmers. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation, 6,000. Patronizing Conferences, Louisiana, Mississippi, and North Mississippi.

Central Methodist Advocate.—D. W. Batson, A.M., Editor; Rev. W. K. Vreeland and John A. Grose, Associate Editors. Organ of the Louisville, Kentucky, and Western Virginia Annual Conferences. Pages 16. Price, per year, \$1.50.

St. Louis Christian Advocate (St. Louis, Mo.).—Rev. W. B. Palmore, D.D., Editor; Rev. C. C. Woods, D.D., Assistant Editor. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2. Owned by a joint stock company. Total amount of capital paid in, \$30,000. Patronizing Conferences, Missouri, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Illinois, and Denver. Established, 1850.

Pacific Methodist Advocate (San Francisco, Cal.).—Rev. W. E. Vaughan, Editor and Manager. Owned by the M. E. Church, South. Price, \$2 per year. Circulation, 2,000. Patronizing Conferences, Montana, East Columbia, Columbia, Pacific, and Los Angeles.

Baltimore Southern Methodist (Baltimore, Md.).—Rev. E. V. Regester, Editor and Manager. Owned by Southern Methodist Publishing Company. Amount of capital paid in, \$5,200. Number of pages, 20 and 24. Price, per year, \$1. Circulation, 6,500. Patronizing Conference, Baltimore. Established, 1904.

Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate (Richmond, Va.).—Rev. James Cannon, Jr., D.D., Editor; Rev. J. Sidney Peters, Associate Editor. Owned by the Advocate Publishing Company. Total amount of capital paid in, \$20,000. Number of pages, 24. Price, per year, \$2. Circulation, 7,000. Patronizing Conferences: Virginia and Baltimore. Established, 1832.

Florida Christian Advocate (Jacksonville, Fla.).—Rev. N. H. Williams, Editor; L. W. Moore, Associate Editor; C. S. Emerson, Business Manager. Published at Jacksonville, Fla. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Patronizing Conference, Florida. Circulation, 2,500.

Western Methodist (Little Rock, Ark.).—Revs. James A. Anderson, A. C. Millar, and P. R. Eaglebarger, Editors and Owners. Rev. D. J. Weems, Field Editor. Number of pages, 16. Circulation, 12,000. Price, per annum, \$1.50. Patronizing Conferences, Arkansas, Little Rock, White River, and Oklahoma. Established, 1881.

El Evangelista Cubano (Havana, Cuba).—Official organ of the Cuban Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Published semimonthly. Price, per year, \$1. Editor Spanish Department, Rev. S. A. Neblett; Editor English Department and Business Manager, Rev. E. E. Clements.

O Testemunho (Porto Alegre, Brazil).—Organ of the Brazil Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Number of pages, 16.

**NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS OF CONFERENCE ORGANS TO EVERY ONE
THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE PATRONIZING CONFERENCES.**

CONFERENCE.	Circulation.	Membership of Patron- izing Con- ference or Conferences.	Number of Subscrib- ers to ev- ery 1,000 Members.
Raleigh Christian Advocate.....	8,300	73,988	110
Texas Christian Advocate.....	21,000	232,914	90
Alabama Christian Advocate.....	10,000	138,973	71
Midland Methodist.....	6,750	125,966	45
Southern Christian Advocate.....	10,000	85,161	117
Der Missions Freund.....	650	1,682	386
North Carolina Christian Advocate.....	8,000	85,072	94
Wesleyan Christian Advocate.....	11,200	181,192	61
New Orleans Christian Advocate.....	6,000	134,060	44
Central Methodist Advocate.....	11,000	79,650	106
St. Louis Christian Advocate.....	25,000	124,724	200
Pacific Methodist.....	2,000	15,436	129
Baltimore Southern Methodist.....	6,500	56,238	115
Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate.....	7,000	158,045	44
Florida Christian Advocate.....	2,500	27,330	94
Western Methodist.....	12,000	134,031	89
Total.....	148,200	1,678,134	.....

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

Mr. R. M. Heriges, Superintendent of the Mailing Department of our Publishing House, gives us the following very interesting facts concerning the second-class mail matter which was sent in the year 1907. This matter consists of newspapers and periodicals, upon which postage is paid by bulk weight and not by affixed stamps: "The entire circulation for the year was 25,083,405 copies, of which the House publications consisted of 23,562,905, and contract work of 1,520,700 copies. The Sunday school periodicals lead with an annual total of 21,616,955 copies. The average monthly circulation of the *Sunday School Magazine* was 69,690; yearly total, 836,286 copies. The *Senior Quarterly* average for the quarter was 386,250 copies; yearly total, 1,545,000. The *Home Department Quarterly* average for the quarter was 37,500; yearly total, 150,000 copies. The *Intermediate Quarterly* average for the quarter was 317,000; yearly total, 1,268,000 copies. The *Junior Lessons* weekly average was 133,666; yearly total, 1,604,000. Our *Little People* weekly average was 168,733; yearly total, 2,025,000 copies. The *Children's Visitor* weekly average was 113,448; yearly total, 5,899,300 copies. The Olivet Picture Cards weekly average was 159,224; yearly total, 8,279,674 cards. A set of Olivet Cards consists of one card for each Sunday in the quarter. They are put up in sets for the entire quarter. The Bible Lesson Picture (Roll)

quarterly average was 2,423; annual total, 9,695 copies. The total for the *Christian Advocate* for the year was 828,150 copies, with a weekly average of 15,926. The *Epworth Era* total for the year was 1,086,700 copies, with a weekly average of 21,308 copies. The *Quiet Hour* total for the year was 20,200, with a quarterly average of 5,050 copies. The *Methodist Review* total annual was 10,900 copies, with an average quarterly circulation of 2,725. The weight of these publications upon which postage was paid was as follows: *Quiet Hour*, 6,283 pounds; *Methodist Review*, 7,276 pounds; *Christian Advocate*, 146,884 pounds; *Epworth Era*, 124,100 pounds; Sunday school periodicals, 966,839 pounds; contract work, 230,762 pounds—making a total of 1,482,144 pounds. Omitting Sundays and three legal holidays, each day's work shows 80,914 periodicals handled, with a daily average weight of 4,781 pounds."—*Nashville Christian Advocate*.

SOME BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS OF THE YEAR 1908.

"That Boy o' Mine." By the author of "Aunt Dice." Price, 75 cents. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"Christ's Table Talk." By Bishop E. R. Hendrix. Pages, 212. Price, \$1. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"Three Centuries of Southern Literature." By Holliday. Pages, 267. Price, \$1. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"The Call of God to Men." Price, \$1. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"One Hundred Years of Methodism in Tattnall County, Georgia." By George F. Austin. Price, 15 cents. Mutual Publishing Company, Atlanta, Ga.

"A Knight of the Saddlebags." By J. Lemack Stokes. Published by the R. L. Bryan Company, Columbia, S. C.

"Life at Its Best." By H. M. Du Bose, D.D. Pages, 152. Price, 50 cents. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"Personal Work." By F. S. Parker, D.D. Epworth League booklet. Price, 5 cents. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"The Boy in Gray." By Rev. George G. Smith. Price, 60 cents.

"The Idea of the Church." By John A. Kern, D.D. Pages, 359. Price, \$1.25. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"Confederate Echoes." By A. T. Goodloe. Pages, 452. Price, \$1. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Japan." By W. R. Lambuth, D.D. Methodist Publishing House, Tokyo, Japan.

"The Pastor's Place of Power and Privilege in the Sunday School." By E. A. Fox. Price, 75 cents. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"Our Brother in Red." By Rev. John L. Williams. Price, 25 cents. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"Easy Method Steward's Book." By A. A. Cantrell, Eatonton, Ga. Price, 10 cents each, or \$1 per dozen.

"Financial Fallacy of Our Church." By J. M. Stanfield. Single copy, 5 cents.

"Confederate Banners." By Mary Lynn Conrad, Harrisonburg, Va. Booklet. Price, 25 cents.

"The Standard Sunday School Record System." By Frank Quillian, Calhoun, Ga.

"Handbook on Infant Baptism." By Rev. J. M. Johnson, Shelbyville, Ky. Price, 15 cents.

"Clippings." By Rev. H. B. Perritt. Price, 15 cents.

"Two Years in a Growing Prayer Meeting." By W. F. Lloyd, D.D. Price, 75 cents. Publishing House M. E. Church, South.

"North America and Africa: Their Past, Present, and Future." By Dr. John F. Foard, Statesville, N. C.

"Notes of Warning; or, Covetousness, the Sin of the Church." By Dr. John F. Foard, Statesville, N. C.

"Historic Sketch of the Southern University." By D. P. Christenberry. Paragon Press, Montgomery, Ala.

"Silver Keys." By Rev. John Paul. Price, \$1.

"Entire Sanctification." Third edition. By Rev. S. L. C. Coward. Price, 50 cents.

"Methodism." By Noel R. Hamer. Paragon Press, Montgomery, Ala.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

These temples of His grace,
How beautiful they stand!
The honors of our native place,
And bulwarks of our land.
—Isaac Watts.

ITEMS GATHERED.

The Conference Boards have aided 5,958 Churches from the date of their organization to March 31, 1907, the sum of \$737,640.58 having been paid to them in grants.

The Conference Boards assisted 272 new Churches during the year 1907-08.

The actual number of new Churches aided by the Conference Boards from the beginning to the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1908, is 6,230, and the aggregate amount of grants paid is \$790,963.48.

The General Board from the beginning to March 31, 1907, aided 1,684 Churches, \$659,098.33 having been paid in donations and \$720,062.18 in loans.

During the year the General Board has aided 142 new Churches, \$58,923.52 having been paid in donations and \$61,531.50 in loans.

The actual number of Churches aided by the General Board from the beginning to March 31, 1908, is 1,826, and the aggregate paid in donations and loans is \$1,508,868.03.

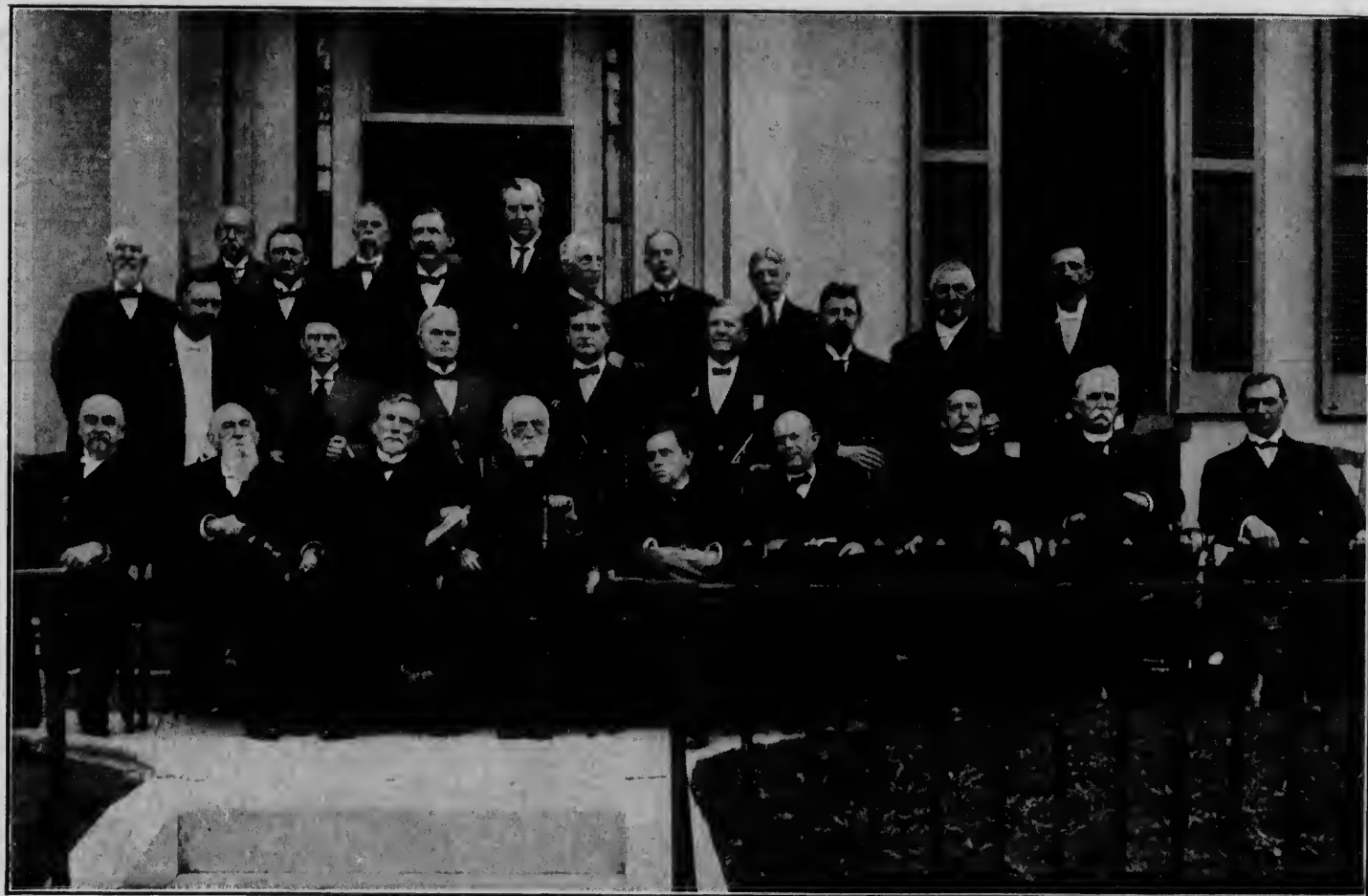
The amount of grants paid by both the General and Conference Boards from the beginning to the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1908, aggregate a grand total of \$2,299,831.51.

Of the 18,839 societies in the Church, 15,912 19-24 possess houses of worship, while 2,926 5-24 are without houses of their own. The year shows an increase of 195 societies and 371 19-24 houses of worship.

Of the 5,660 pastoral charges, 4,673 have parsonages, and 987 are without homes for their pastors. The year shows an increase of 82 pastoral charges and 130 parsonages.

In the 299 districts there are 207 district parsonages. The year shows a decrease of two districts and an increase of 12 district parsonages.

The year shows an increase of \$4,074,491.68 in value of houses of



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That, while the financial conditions have not been favorable to the Church interests in Washington City, the Secretary be authorized to employ such measures and assistance as in his judgment are needed to do the work.

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RECEIPTS DURING YEAR.

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WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, ATLANTA, GA.

DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR.

Donations to Churches.....	\$49,740	00	
Donations to Churches from special funds..	9,067	42	
Donations to Churches from Conference Boards' funds.....	1,476	20	
Special donation to cover shrinkage in Lindsey-Wilson loan fund security.....	310	52	
China famine sufferers, per Board of Mis- sions	20	00	
Songdo School, Korea, per Board of Mis- sions,	100	00	
Real estate: annuities charged to.....	180	00	
Expended on office building.....	993	73	
Furniture and fixtures.....	53	00	
Oklahoma expense account: Birthday jars, literature, postage, and sundry expenses in "Big Pasture".....	822	68	
Salaries, office, printing, postage, exchange, annual meeting, travel, handbook, etc....	11,681	36	—\$74,444 91
Leaving balance on hand March 31, 1908..			<u>\$18,749 66</u>

LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand April 1, 1907.....	\$12,461	39	
Receipts during year.....	73,706	33	—\$86,167 72
Disbursements during year.....			<u>63,523 57</u>
Balance on hand March 31, 1908.....			<u>\$22,644 15</u>

SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand April 1, 1907.....	\$	537	29	
Receipts during year.....	357	13	—\$	894 42
Disbursements during year.....				<u>687 70</u>
Balance on hand March 31, 1908.....	\$			<u>206 72</u>

PARSONAGE ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand April 1, 1907.....	\$	4,404	22	
Receipts during year.....	20,855	00	—\$	25,259 22
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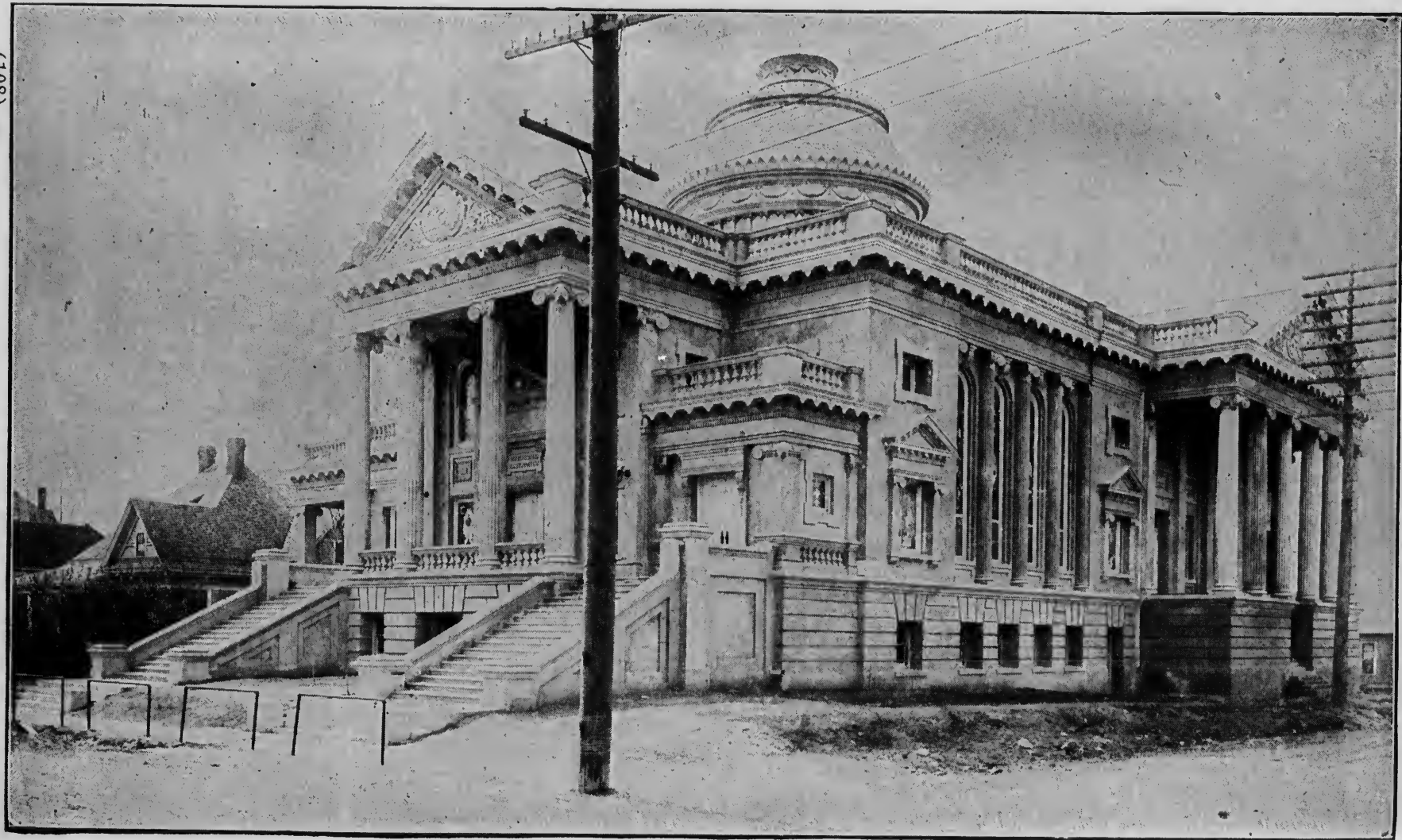
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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY.

PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand April 1, 1907.....	\$ 6,233 62
Receipts during year.....	15,531 63—\$21,765 25
Disbursements during year.....	18,800 03
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Balance on hand March 31, 1908.....	\$ 2,965 22

CHURCH EXTENSION ASSESSMENT, 1908-09.

(\$175,000.)

Conference.	Ratio.	Assessment.
Alabama	0362	\$ 6,335 00
Arkansas	0131	2,293 00
Baltimore	0367	6,423 00
Brazil Mission	0029	508 00
Central Mexico Mission	0012	210 00
China Mission	0009	158 00
Columbia	0012	210 00
Cuban Mission	0006	105 00
Denver	0013	228 00
East Columbia	0017	298 00
Florida	0183	3,203 00
German Mission	0012	210 00
Holston	0342	5,885 00
Illinois	0042	735 00
Kentucky	0189	3,308 00
Little Rock	0224	3,920 00
Los Angeles	0034	595 00
Louisiana	0229	4,008 00
Louisville	0286	5,005 00
Memphis	0365	6,488 00
Mexican Border	0010	175 00
Mississippi	0295	5,163 00
Missouri	0303	5,303 00
Montana	0011	193 00
New Mexico	0026	455 00
North Alabama	0417	7,298 00
North Carolina	0404	7,070 00
North Georgia	0573	10,028 00
North Mississippi	0287	5,023 00
North Texas	0333	5,828 00
Northwest Mexican	0006	105 00
Northwest Texas	0503	8,803 00

Conference.	Ratio.	Assessment.
Oklahoma	0222	3,873 00
Pacific	0081	1,418 00
South Carolina	0503	8,303 00
South Georgia	0440	7,700 00
Southwest Missouri	0246	4,305 00
St. Louis	0213	3,728 00
Tennessee	0370	6,475 00
Texas	0351	6,143 00
Virginia	0636	11,130 00
West Texas	0177	3,098 00
Western North Carolina.....	0430	7,525 00
Western Virginia	0148	2,590 00
White River	0151	2,643 00
Totals	10000	\$175,000 00

The above apportionments have been made on the basis of the ratios prepared by the Board of Apportionment provided for in the Discipline. (See Par. 423.)

TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

(1882-1908.)

Receipts on assessments.....	\$1,624,805 28
Receipts on "specials".....	84,074 01
Contributed to loan funds.....	178,961 21
Interest earned by loan funds.....	79,998 80
Present loan fund capital.....	258,960 01
Amount loaned to Churches.....	790,846 18
Amount donated to Churches.....	1,508,985 33
Total invested in churches.....	2,999,831 51
Number of Churches aided.....	6,957
Number of societies.....	18,839
Number of houses of worship.....	15,913
Homeless congregations.....	2,927

NUMBER OF CHURCHES AIDED.

Alabama	472
Arizona	11
Arkansas	483
California	81
Colorado	21

District of Columbia	6
Florida	213
Georgia	649
Idaho	6
Illinois	58
Indiana	3
Iowa	1
Kansas	41
Kentucky	354
Louisiana	143
Maryland	50
Mississippi	485
Missouri	444
Montana	24
Nebraska	3
New Mexico	31
North Carolina	520
Oklahoma	296
Oregon	45
Pennsylvania	1
South Carolina	303
Tennessee	541
Texas	956
Virginia	495
Washington	15
West Virginia	135
Brazil	13
China	6
Cuba	6
Japan	9
Korea	3
Mexico	29
Total	6,957

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Where there is anything growing one former is worth a thousand reformers.
—*Horace Mann.*

LITERATURE.

	Circulation.	Gain.	Loss.
Magazine	76,000	6,000	.....
Adult Student	20,500	20,500	.....
Senior Quarterly	400,000	.....	10,000
Home Department Quarterly	40,000	.....	.....
Intermediate Quarterly	335,000	.....	.....
Junior Lessons	140,000	.....	.....
Our Little People	175,000	.....	5,000
Primary Teacher	7,500	7,500	.....
Children's Visitor	122,700	11,700	.....
Olivet Picture Cards	200,900	36,940	.....
Bible Lesson Pictures	3,000	600	.....
Beginners' Picture Cards	1,000	1,000	.....
Total	1,521,600	84,240	15,000
Net increase		69,240	

The *Adult Student* and the *Primary Teacher* have been established since the report of 1907. They are to meet the demands created by a growing interest in teacher-training.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Sales	\$225,818 01
Increase	32,098 17
Total Children's Day Fund as reported in Conference minutes	26,339 90
Ten per cent from Children's Day Fund.	2,168 29
For Chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools..	4,478 21
For Missions	113,422 97

This table suggests three things which call for your special consideration: (1) That many of our Churches evidently have not yet come to an adequate realization of the importance of Children's

Day; (2) that many of those in which the day is observed fail to forward the ten per cent to the Treasurer of the General Sunday School Board as the Discipline requires; and (3) that the amount received during the year for the endowment of a chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools in Vanderbilt University falls far short of what it ought to be.

TABLE SHOWING RATIOS.

	S. S. Scholars.	Church Members.	Ratio of S. S. to Ch. M'b'rs.	Increase of S. S. Sch'p'rs.	Inc. Ch. Memb'rs.
1900	853,751	1,470,520	.580	.005	.003
1901	884,329	1,505,241	.587	.035	.023
1902	934,110	1,523,747	.61	.056	.012
1903	979,935	1,555,402	.63	.049	.027
1904	1,007,830	1,582,363	.63	.028	.017
1905	1,040,748	1,614,645	.64	.032	.02
1906	1,084,238	1,656,609	.65	.042	.03
1907	1,137,842	1,705,635	.66	.049	.029

It will be seen that the ratio of Sunday school scholars to Church members is gradually increasing; also the ratio of increase in Sunday school scholars. The ratio of increase, however, for 1907 was not as large as that of 1906.

The one fact that the Sunday school is the recruiting ground of the Church proves that only at the peril of the Church itself can we neglect the Sunday school. The present ratio of Sunday school scholars to Church members in Southern Methodism proves that the Sunday school is being neglected, and that to an alarming extent. No Church can be fully discharging its duty to the Sunday school when there are fewer Sunday school scholars than Church members. The ratio of the former to the latter for the year 1907 was .66. This means that there are still nearly twice as many members as there are Sunday school scholars.

RATIO OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS TO CHURCH MEMBERS IN EACH CONFERENCE.

Alabama .....	.61	Columbia .....	.62
Arkansas .....	.72	Cuban Mission .....	.71
Baltimore .....	.82	Denver .....	.92
Brazil Mission .....	.56	East Columbia	1.22
Central Mexico .....	.60	Florida .....	.65
China Mission	1.22	German Mission .....	.84

Holston .....	.94	North Georgia .....	.56
Illinois .....	.85	North Mississippi .....	.45
Oklahoma .....	.73	North Texas .....	.71
Korean Mission	1.14	N. W. Mex. Mission	1.07
Kentucky .....	.55	Northwest Texas .....	.67
Little Rock .....	.87	Pacific .....	.95
Los Angeles	1.02	St. Louis .....	.87
Louisiana .....	.65	South Carolina .....	.52
Louisville .....	.55	South Georgia .....	.54
Memphis .....	.58	Southwest Missouri .....	.70
Mexican Border .....	.88	Tennessee .....	.61
Mississippi .....	.49	Texas .....	.59
Missouri .....	.64	Virginia .....	.67
Montana	1.38	West Texas .....	.75
New Mexico .....	.87	Western North Carolina..	.73
North Alabama .....	.59	Western Virginia .....	.96
North Carolina .....	.73	White River .....	.75

THE TEACHER-TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

The year has been an eventful one to Dr. H. M. Hamill, our Superintendent of Training Work, and his very efficient and constant primary assistant, Mrs. Hamill. The number of Teacher's Study Circles now in operation is nearly one thousand, and the number of enrolled students about ten thousand. The demand for Sunday School Institutes and Conferences in all parts of our territory increases, and Conference Sunday School Boards are making such meetings the rule rather than, as heretofore, the exception. Dr. Hamill also is called to organize a new feature of modern work known as the "Summer Training School." For several years these schools have been held: one at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., one at Tampa, Fla., one at Searcy, Ark., and perhaps the greatest in the South and West at Monteagle, Tenn. Over six hundred students were enrolled in this last school in 1907 and nearly six hundred in 1908.

In addition to his regular service in his own Church, Dr. Hamill has been again honored during the past year by reëlection to the chairmanship of the greatest of all the International Sunday School Committees—the Committee on Education. This body is composed of noted educators like Dr. Brumbaugh, City Superintendent of Philadelphia, President Mullins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, President Thompson, of the Ohio State University, and other like leaders. Its work is to foster and unify all teacher-training work in America.

Dr. Hamill and his wife have been urgently invited to tour Great Britain for six weeks in the summer of 1909 in the larger cities as helpers in a series of great Sunday school mass meetings to be conducted by a British committee and Chairman W. N. Hartshorn, of the International Sunday School Association. The call grows out of the high office held by Dr. Hamill in the Sunday school world.

During the past year the Doctor and his wife were sent by the General Sunday School Board and the Board of Missions to Japan and Korea, and fully seven months were consumed in their long and arduous visit. Starting from Nashville October 16, 1907, they returned to their home May 7, 1908. Their route took them into all parts of Japan and into the chief cities of Korea. They held thirty-five Sunday School Institutes, besides a mass of other work. The following is a summary in part of their work in the Orient:

Time.—October 16, 1907, to May 5, 1908.

Cities Served.—Japan, 32; Korea, 3. Total, 35.

Work Done.—Institutes, 30; Conventions and Conferences, 10. Total, 40.

Lectures by Dr. Hamill, 175; sermons by Dr. Hamill, 17; schools addressed, 22; lectures by Mrs. Hamill, 140. Total, 354. Miles traveled to and from, 16,000; in Japan and Korea, 7,500. Total, 23,500. Attendance on all meetings, 20,000.

Korea Sunday School Association organized.

Every day of their time was spent at some kind of work; and even on the Pacific steamships going and returning Dr. Hamill spent his Sabbaths preaching to the cabin passengers and holding evangelistic services in the Asiatic steerage. Though much worn by the severe route and radical changes in food, climate, etc., these two workers have been incessantly busy since their home-coming, holding institutes, writing copy, looking after office details, and attending fall Conferences.

Dr. Hamill, in reply to a letter from the Editor of this YEARBOOK, takes occasion to express his indebtedness to the kindly offices in his behalf of his long-time friend, Hon. William J. Bryan, who wrote a personal letter to his host of friends in the Orient heartily commending Dr. and Mrs. Hamill and their work. The gracious letter opened many doors, especially of the great government schools of Japan, and gave Dr. Hamill an unusual hearing. Since his return to Nashville many warm letters of commendation have been coming from all parts of Japan to the Sunday School and Mission Boards. In the *Christian Advocate* Dr. Winton gives a letter from Dean Newton, of the Kwansei Gakuin, at Kobe, Japan, which is worthy of printing here:

"Six months ago Dr. and Mrs. Hamill arrived in this country, and began at once a remarkable Sunday school campaign. Their itinerary of Sunday School Teachers' Institutes has covered the entire empire. Traveling from city to city, they have held thirty-two regular Sunday School Institutes, besides giving many addresses, sermons, and lectures. By every known mode of travel, in all sorts of conveyances, meeting all sorts of experiences by land and sea, it is only truth to say that we have never had two visitors who have done their work so thoroughly or seen the actual conditions of the Churches so closely. Everywhere they had good audiences, and the Japanese were impressed. There have been both a stimulus of heart and a more intelligent idea of what Sunday school teaching means. Already we hear of the quickened interest and of better work being attempted in many places as the fruit of Dr. and Mrs. Hamill's Teacher-Training Institutes."

REVISED TEACHER-TRAINING COURSE.

During the present year (1908) the leading Churches of America, through their Sunday School Boards, met in council and established certain standards and rules as to teacher-training courses, examinations, and diplomas, which have been adopted by all Churches having Teacher-Training Departments. Our Southern Methodist General Sunday School Board unanimously accepted the new plan of work, and instructed Dr. Hamill to revise and rearrange the Circle Course of Study to meet the new standards. In addition to our own Church diploma this will hold our training work at the front and secure to our graduates the seal of the International Sunday School Association.

The First Course.

Text-Book, "The Legion of Honor Lessons," containing twenty-five Bible studies and twenty-five Sunday school studies. In one volume. Twenty-five cents.

The Advanced Course.

Consisting of the present Circle Course, revised and added to as follows: "The Sunday School Teacher," "The Bible and Its Books," "Doctrine and Polity of the M. E. Church, South," "Church History and Missions" (new), "Child Study" (new), and "The Organized School."

The First Course Diploma and International Seal will be given for the completion of the First Course in not less than one school

year of forty weeks, and the Advanced Course Diploma and Seal will be given for the completion of the Advanced Course in not less than two school years of forty weeks each—all examinations in writing, as heretofore, with passing standard of seventy per cent. The cost of the revised books will be the same as the old, and new books will be in proportion. These changes will not affect students at work upon unrevised Circle books. They will complete the old books and receive full credit on examination for them.

THE WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

(Officers Elected at Rome May 18-23, 1907.)

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Europe: Bishop William Burt, Zurich, Switzerland.

Russia: Baron U. Küll, Laitz Post, Liwa, Esthland, Russia.

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Levant: Rev. J. P. McNaughton, American Mission, Smyrna, Turkey. (Open mail via London.)

India: Rev. Richard Burges, Jubbulpore, C.P., India.

Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and China: (To be appointed).

And the President, Past Presidents, Joint Secretaries, and Treasurer.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

A STATEMENT, HISTORICAL AND OTHERWISE.

BY REV. F. S. PARKER, D.D., ASSISTANT SECRETARY EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League was organized under authority of the General Conference of 1890 by a commission appointed for that purpose, and in December of that year became the recognized young people's society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The advancement and control of the new society were committed to the Sunday School Department; the name and the essentials of form were made to accord with those of the similar society in the Methodist Episcopal Church, itself the result of the merging of five societies in that Church, which were united, and adopted the name Epworth League at a Conference in Detroit, Mich., May 14, 15, 1888. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, no officially recognized and widely diffused society existed among the young people at the time the Epworth League was formed; but a number of chapters of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, then in the ninth year of its existence, and some independent societies were operating in our Church. A beginning of a larger organization had also been made in California by Dr. H. M. Du Bose; and it was from the Young People's Society in Trinity Church, Los Angeles, of which he was then pastor, that the memorial went up to the General Conference of 1890, by which the Epworth League was authorized, making the League the first officially recognized denominational society for young people in the United States.

At the time of the organization of the League in our Church the young people's movement had become so manifest a factor in the life of the Churches that our bishops and legislators could not ignore the demand for some form of organization that should place the activities of this movement in our Church more completely under denominational control and give it a form more congruous with the connectional form of our Church government.

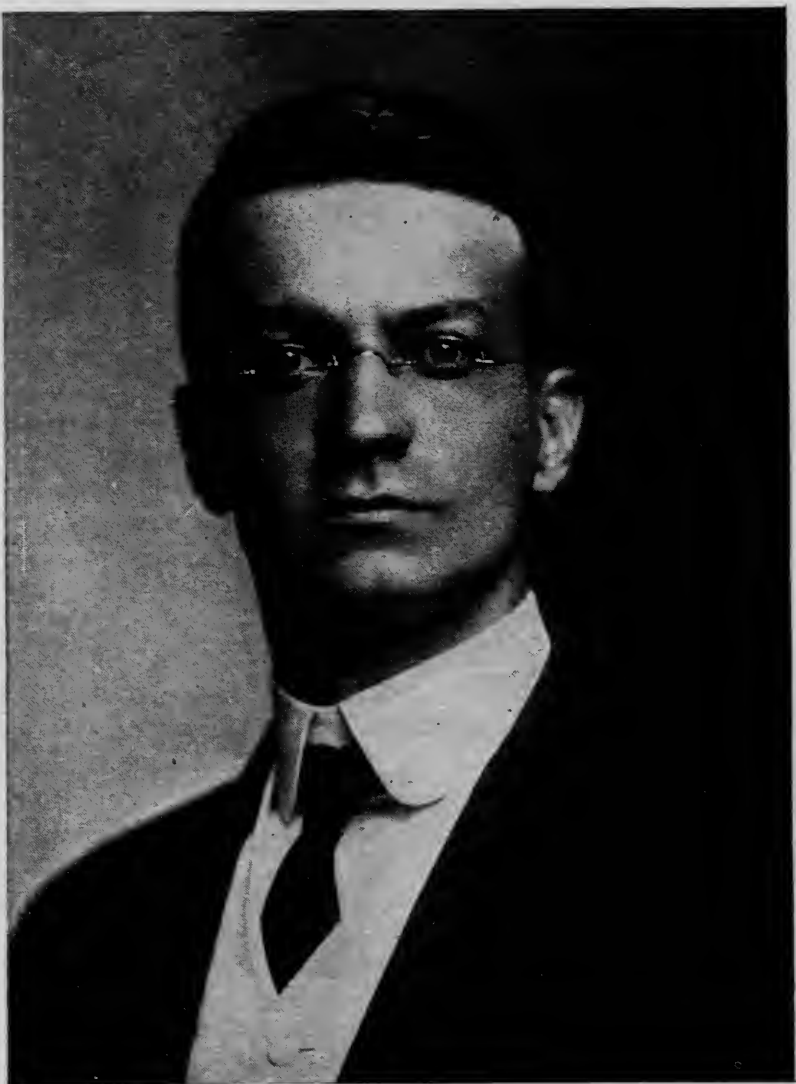
Eleven hundred and fifty-three chapters were organized under the Sunday School Department during the first quadrennium. In 1894 the General Conference made provision for a distinct department of Epworth Leagues. A General Secretary was elected, Dr.

S. A. Steel, the popular orator and brilliant writer; and Bishop R. K. Hargrove became the President of the Epworth League Board. The first number of the *Epworth Era* was published July 12 of the same year. The League increased in popularity during Dr. Steel's administration, and the *Epworth Era* assumed a place among the connectional journals, and has maintained that place with dignity and growing popularity ever since. The quadrennium of Dr. Steel's secretaryship was characterized by platform advertising and monster conventions. Chapters were organized in many Churches; but there was no adequate provision in the way of literary furnishing and supervisory organization.

Rev. H. M. Du Bose, D.D., was elected to succeed Dr. Steel as General Secretary and Editor, and with great zeal and ability addressed himself to the task of promoting the young people's work throughout the Church. The circulation of the *Epworth Era* was increased threefold during the quadrennium and good progress was made in the furnishing of literature for the Society, which during the quadrennium passed beyond the experimental stage.

Dr. Du Bose was elected to serve a second term in 1902. The quadrennium was characterized by internal growth and development of the membership of the League by means of inspiring reading courses, Bible Circle studies, institute booklets, and the formation of mission study classes. The League made a stride toward self-support by means of the ten-cent assessment, which took the place of appropriations made for the maintenance of the Central Office from the proceeds of the Book Concern. The office of Assistant Secretary and Editor was created and filled by the election of Rev. F. S. Parker, D.D., in 1904.

Dr. Du Bose and Dr. Parker were reëlected in 1906. The chief developments of the League in recent years have been (1) the enlargement and financial success of the *Epworth Era*; (2) the growth of mission study to approximately seven hundred and fifty classes, with a membership of over five thousand; (3) the addition to the literary furnishing of the Leagues of many excellent pamphlets and books; (4) a considerable growth in numbers, both of Chapters and members; (5) the formation of many district organizations and the development of the Conference and State organizations into great supervisory and inspirational bodies; (6) the enlargement of the Seashore Epworth League Assembly for Christian Workers at Biloxi, Miss., and the formation of the great Corpus Christi (Tex.) League Assembly, its purchase and equipment of a great plant; and the formation of the Pertle Springs (Mo.) Assembly.



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The present number of Chapters is 3,633, an increase during the past year of 89; the number of members is 127,924, an increase of 4,233. Despite the financial stringency, which has interfered with all benevolences, the ten-cent assessment remittances for the support of the Central Office amounted for the year to \$3,000. The amounts reported in the minutes of the Annual Conferences for 1907 as contributed by the Leagues are: For missions, \$22,000; for other purposes, \$70,000. The circulation of the *Epworth Era* is 20,000. Fifteen thousand Epworth League Institute booklets have been circulated, and over 60,000 copies of Reading Course books have been sold. The Quiet Hour League, the Christian Stewardship Covenant, and the Fellow-Workers' Covenant are observed in many League Chapters, and have resulted in deepening the spiritual life of the whole Church, increasing liberality, and a forward movement in personal evangelism. Bible studies are carried on in many Chapters, and the number of League members carrying on systematic Bible study is large, though we cannot give the exact figures. A series of sixteen books dealing in an elementary way with the history and practical work of our Church life is under preparation, and will be published as rapidly as possible under the editorial supervision of the Secretaries, and will become the authorized Reading Course in the League, planned to cover a quadrennium's reading.

An International Convention, the seventh in the series, is being planned for 1909, and will be held at a place and time to be announced later.

MEMBERS BY CONFERENCES.

(1907.)

Alabama	37,473	Kentucky	15,686
Arkansas	19,793	Little Rock	32,726
Baltimore	46,297	Los Angeles	3,763
Brazil Mission	2,940	Louisiana	21,253
Central Mexico	1,796	Louisville	28,466
China Mission	3,985	Memphis	38,443
Columbia	1,025	Mexican Border	1,904
Cuban Mission	1,638	Mississippi	25,193
Denver	1,697	Missouri	30,509
East Columbia	2,240	Montana	1,407
Florida	18,010	New Mexico	3,240
German Mission	1,424	North Alabama	43,379
Holston	58,321	North Carolina	54,542
Illinois	6,621	North Georgia	60,404
Oklahoma	31,401	North Mississippi	22,979

North Texas	37,026	Virginia	68,201
N. W. Mex. Mission ..	1,384	West Texas	21,288
Northwest Texas	60,944	W. North Carolina ..	62,492
Pacific	6,990	Western Virginia	22,764
St. Louis	28,392	White River	20,505
South Carolina	44,612		
South Georgia	40,872	1907	1,137,842
Southwest Missouri ..	24,985	1906	1,083,665
Tennessee	39,177		
Texas	35,243	Net gain	54,177

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traveling preachers, 24; local preachers, 25; members, 2,190 (increase, 307); Sunday schools, 53; scholars, 2,573; Epworth Leagues, 32; members, 892; organized Churches, 27; Churches self-supporting, 8; boarding schools, 4; pupils, 533; day schools, 12; pupils, 293; hospital, 1; dispensaries, 2; patients treated, 20,901; total collections on the field, \$4,319.75; total value of mission property, \$257,425.

Korean Mission (organized in 1895).—The Korean Mission has had a wonderful year. The annual meeting at Seoul June 20-25, 1907, was an occasion of thanksgiving and of renewed purpose and planning for the complete evangelization of this field so white to the harvest. The setting apart of Korea as a separate mission was consummated at the last session of the China Mission Conference, of which it has heretofore been a part. The following are the statistics: Missionaries (including their wives), 23; members, 1,988 (increase, 761); Sunday schools, 33; scholars, 1,770; organized Churches, 181; Churches self-supporting, 89; boarding schools, 2; pupils, 246; day schools, 3; pupils, 82; dispensaries, 2; patients treated, 1,852; total collections on the field, \$2,380.26; total value of mission property, \$49,000.

Japan Mission.—We began work in Japan twenty-two years ago. The progress has been steady. In May, 1907, the Methodist Church of Japan was formed by the union in one body of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Episcopal, and the Methodist Church of Canada. This united Church begins with more than 11,000 members and 100 Japanese preachers under the leadership of Bishop Y. Honda, who was their own almost unanimous choice for bishop. The educational work and much of the evangelistic field continue under the fostering care of our missionaries, who will remain in an advisory and co-operative relation with the leaders of the new Church while their Conference membership is with the home Conferences. There is every prospect of widened influence and of a great future before the Methodist Church of Japan, which has been launched under the most auspicious circumstances. Opened in 1886, merged into the Methodist Church of Japan in 1907, there are now in the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Missionaries (including their wives), 36; native traveling preachers, 14; local preachers, 24; members, 1,776 (increase, 203); Sunday schools, 62; scholars, 5,401; Epworth Leagues, 14; members, 379; organized Churches, 22; Churches self-supporting, 3; boarding schools, 3; pupils, 1,278; day schools, 7; pupils, 534; total collections on the field, \$3,927.34; total value of mission property, \$103,767.50.

Mexico.—In 1873 Bishop Keener, in the City of Mexico, laid the

foundations of our mission in that country. The combined statistics of the Central (organized in 1886), the Northwest (organized in 1890), and the Mexican Border (organized in 1885)—three Mission Conferences in Mexico, which represent the fruits of incessant toil and heroic devotion for over forty years—are: Missionaries (including their wives), 37; native traveling preachers, 45; local preachers, 62; members, 6,815 (increase, 410); Sunday schools, 136; scholars, 5,157; Epworth Leagues, 37; members, 1,377; organized Churches, 108; Churches self-supporting, 3; boarding schools, 2; pupils, 466; day school, 1; pupils, 60; hospital, 1; patients treated, 29,653; total collections on the field, \$6,505.88; value of mission property, \$348,557.

Brazil (organized as a Conference in 1887).—The country was under the complete sway of Romanism for three hundred years, with the legitimate outcome of ignorance, poverty, impurity, and idleness. The people respond to the gospel. Thirty years ago we had only six members; now we have nearly six thousand. They are liberal to an unusual degree. Two years ago they averaged \$6 per member in their gifts to the Church. The only Methodism working in Brazil is the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Methodist Episcopal Church withdrew a few years ago and turned their work over to us. We should prove ourselves equal to the task and worthy of the responsibility.

South Brazil.—This mission has had only one year of separate existence. It was made necessary by the vast distances, as also by the growth of the work. The field is promising and the progress most encouraging. It is in the territory taken over from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our membership has almost quadrupled what it was at that time, and the growth is accelerating constantly. Missionaries (including their wives), 33; native traveling preachers, 17; local preachers, 11; members, 5,368 (increase, 307); Sunday schools, 73; pupils, 2,884; Epworth Leagues, 43; members, 1,830; organized Churches, 44; Churches self-supporting, 5; boarding school, 1; pupils, 291; total collections, \$11,854.24; value of mission property, \$289,990.

Cuba.—The Conference held in Cuba last January was said to be "the most satisfactory, the most hopeful and harmonious we have yet had in the island." That is saying a good deal. But it is justified by the improvement in the number of accessions. The work in Havana was reorganized in 1896, and in 1898 Cuba was taken over by the Board as a regular mission field. The results of the labors during the past year may be gathered from the following statistics: Missionaries (including their wives), 24; native traveling preachers, 11; local preachers, 20; members,

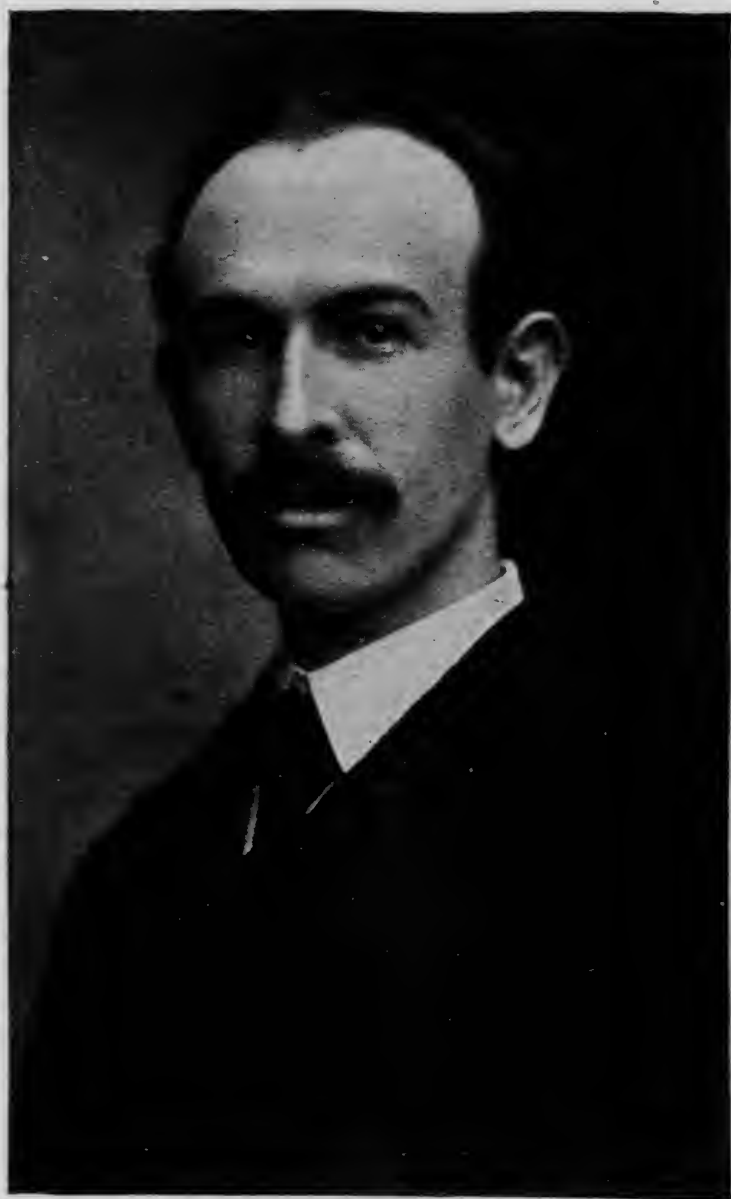
2,847 (an increase of 482); Sunday schools, 44; pupils, 2,847; Epworth Leagues, 17; members, 675; organized Churches, 37; boarding schools, 4; pupils, 345; day schools, 3; pupils, 45; total collections on the field, \$11,924.85; value of mission property, \$204,723.70.

German Mission.—A mission was opened among the German emigrants in 1842 at New Orleans, and in 1846 in Texas. The work was organized in 1890 into the German Mission Conference. The minutes of 1907 report 17 preachers and 1,665 members.

Indian Mission.—The Indian Mission Conference was organized in 1844, and at its first session had 88 white, 33 colored, and 2,992 Indian members. This same body as the Oklahoma Conference in 1907 reported 42,449 members. Of these, it is estimated that the Indian contingent among the civilized tribes is 19 traveling preachers, 40 local preachers, 2,446 members; and among the wild tribes 3 local preachers and 363 members. In 1907 a mission was opened for the twenty-eight thousand Navajo Indians of New Mexico. This work is among a needy and overlooked semicivilized people in our midst.

French Mission.—After sixty years of sowing in hope, and with varying fortunes, our French Mission, in the State of Louisiana, now has one hundred and sixty members, and is at the harvest time of a great ingathering. The religion of the French population of this State has been Roman Catholic, and such has been the loyalty of the people to the priesthood and superstitious awe of the Church that they have recently become almost inaccessible to Protestant Christianity. At this particular time there is a great religious awakening in Terre Bonne and Lafourche Parishes. Whole communities are turning to the Protestant religion.

Italian Mission.—In 1907 thirty-three thousand Italians were distributed throughout the territory occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Recent immigration has developed a decided movement from Italy to the Southern States. These aliens constitute both a perplexing problem and a great opportunity. Protestant missions among them have been more successful than among any other of our foreign population. Our "Little Italy" plant at Ybor City, Fla., has been marvelously prosperous. Beginning four years ago with a night class of Italians, we now have a Church of about 140 members, a day school with an enrollment of 250 scholars, and a night school of 125. Fifty-two members were received on Easter Sunday. New missions at Thurber and Galveston, Tex., in the mountains of West Virginia, and in New Orleans have had most auspicious openings. The



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Italian fields in our midst are "white unto the harvest." A mission has been successfully begun in West Virginia.

Cuban Mission in Florida.—The Cubans in Tampa and Key West, Fla., are a factory class of people, many of whom have left their families on the island, and few become permanent American citizens. They are nominally Roman Catholics. Protestantism does not appeal to them as it does to their countrymen in Cuba. Our Cuban Mission in these cities has one hundred and four members. They have furnished a good per cent of our native Cuban preachers. The work in Tampa has greatly revived this year, there being now twenty-seven probationers.

Hebrew Mission.—Every argument for home and foreign missions applies to this still neglected race. Their first claim upon the gospel abides. In recent years there has been a large ingathering among them into the Protestant Churches. They make good American citizens, and when converted earnest Christians. Our missionary, Rev. Julius Magath, has toiled another year laying the foundation of Christ's kingdom among his own countrymen. His work has been largely educative and benevolent. He reports a growing interest both among the Jews and Christians.

Collections, 1907-08.—The regular collections on assessments amount to \$400,364.08, making an advance of \$14,525.89 over the collections from the Conferences for the preceding year. To this must be added special contributions amounting to \$140,159.46, so that the amount received from all sources reaches the figure \$540,523.54. The increase that this shows over the total collections for last year is \$21,307.17. Such gratifying increase will continue only so long as persistent, untiring efforts are put forth by all to deepen conviction and to give permanent expression to the interest which has been aroused in the forward movement. The receipts of the Woman's Board for the year amount to \$226,192.88, so that the total receipts of both Foreign Mission Boards equal \$766,716.43. The collections for domestic missions are \$268,080, being an increase of \$24,306; for Church extension, \$133,617, an increase of \$20,200; Woman's Home Mission Society, \$442,861.59—making a grand total, when added to the collections of the two Foreign Boards, of \$1,611,275.02, which may be classed as the total missionary contributions of the Church. Twenty-two Annual Conferences paid their assessments in full for both foreign and domestic missions this past year. Such showing is certainly cause for gratitude to God and inspiration to renewed effort.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

The results of the work for the year 1907-08 have been most gratifying. We note:

1. *A Rapidly Growing Appreciation of the Sunday School as a Missionary Force.*—This is indicated by the demand for the "Manual," the number of orders for missionary literature and materials, and the cordial welcome accorded the first historical missionary lessons in the Sunday school literature. It is also worthy of attention that more Sunday schools are regularly contributing to missions than ever before in the history of the Church.

2. *The Larger Development and Influence of the Mission Study Idea.*—Substantial gain has been made in the number of classes enrolled. Class reports on file in the office indicate: (1) That the young people are awaking to the charm of mission study and to the need of knowledge concerning the modern missionary enterprise; (2) that the study of missions wonderfully deepens the spiritual life, because it brings the student into intimate association with Christ, whose heart was set upon saving the world as it was upon nothing else; (3) that systematic study of this subject so fully reveals human need, God's plan, and the largeness of present-day opportunity as to spring to greater liberality; (4) that God is speaking to the choice young men and women of the mission study groups, and many are responding with the offer of self for service in the home and foreign fields.

3. *A New Emphasis upon the Value of Mission Study in the Schools and Colleges.*—Demands for text-books, plans, visits, and addresses come from college presidents, professors, and students.

4. *A Church-Wide Activity in Missionary Education.*—This promises a larger yield of men and money in future years.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

(1907-08.)

This year there are fifty-nine students, all of whom are candidates for missionary service. While this is only the second session, the school will furnish fifteen missionary workers for our various fields at home and abroad. Seven will go to the foreign fields—two women to Brazil under the Woman's Board, two to Japan under our Board, one to China, and a man and his wife to Korea. Eight of our students will enter home fields—two deaconesses, one nurse deaconess, four city missionaries, and one will enter Conference as a pastor. With the two graduates of last



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session and the three other students of last year who are now employed as pastors' assistants, the school will have this year nineteen of its students definitely employed as missionary workers in the Church. Besides these, there are one hundred and ninety-seven pastors and others who have attended the midwinter institutes. Thus the Church is already reaping large benefits from the school.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Department, by General Conference action, is the medium of correspondence and unit of administration for the entire Church. As such it enables the strong to bear the burdens of the weak. It is not a negative participator but an active worker, well defined in purpose and resolute in both initiative and aggressive evangelism.

The year has been one of education and inspiration in the Annual Conferences. Everywhere there is unmistakable evidence of an intelligent awakening of the importance of the home field. A number of the Annual Conference Boards of Missions have appointed special committees to make a first-hand study of local conditions in the cities and country and among foreigners and miners.

Annual Conferences in 1907 raised on domestic mission assessments \$266,209.82, an increase over the previous year of \$27,840.82. This fund was used in the development of the home field under the direction and control of the several Conference Boards of Missions.

More Conference missionary evangelists and secretaries are employed this year than ever before. The fruits of their labors have been abundant. The evangelists conduct revivals, educate in missions, take missionary collections, and labor to establish the Church in waste places; while the secretaries do practically the same work, except their office is administrative and not evangelistic. Both evangelists and secretaries are picked men on the firing line of an advancing, conquering Church.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Missionary Conference, provided for by resolution of the Board of Missions in its last annual session, was held in the city of Chattanooga April 21-23, with an attendance of over one thousand lay delegates and five hundred preachers. It was an

occasion of great spiritual power. The determining purpose of every session was to find the measure of responsibility and to assume it. The complete evangelization of the world was resolved upon without distinction as to home or foreign missions, but with a decided emphasis upon the wider and the more needy fields in the regions beyond.

In the declaration the laymen resolved (1) to accept the estimate of forty million souls as our Church's share of the unevangelized people of the earth, (2) to make as a goal the employment of 1,600 missionaries and the outlay of three million dollars annually, (3) to urge the laymen to put one million dollars into the missionary treasury during 1908-09, and (4) to urge the use of the noon hour of each day for the awakening of the Church to its missionary duty and the evangelization of the world.

In addition to the foregoing, an emergency corps of ten thousand men was created which shall hold itself ready to respond to appeals sent out by the Board of Missions, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

A Medical Missionary Society was organized to aid in the building, equipment, and maintenance of our hospitals in foreign lands, and to put the great constituency of ten thousand Methodist medical practitioners in touch with the medical missionaries who represent us in the foreign field.

An educational policy was adopted which looks to the creation and circulation of the missionary and evangelical literature intended to reach the five hundred thousand men in our Church.

In order to provide the means to carry out the measures adopted, the sum of \$15,000 was secured by subscription and pledge to cover the budget of the movement, in order that there should be no demand made upon the funds of the Board of Missions for the expenses of this work.

Mr. W. B. Stubbs, of Savannah, Ga., has been unanimously elected General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has accepted the office. The Nashville *Christian Advocate* says: "Mr. Stubbs is a lawyer who gives up a large practice and surrenders what has hitherto appeared to be his life work at the call of the Church, believing that he should work where the providence of God leads. He is a man eminently fitted for this position—a consecrated man who knows and loves men, who by his character and ability has achieved a place of leadership both in Christian work and other lines of life in the city where he has lived."

THE FIGURES FOR 1907-08.

Foreign missions, General Board.....	\$540,523	54	
Foreign missions, Woman's Board.....	226,192	88—\$	766,716 42
Domestic missions, Annual Conferences.	268,080	24	
Domestic missions, Woman's Board....	118,044	64—	386,124 88

Total for missions.....	\$1,152,841	30	
Church extension.....		133,617	58

Grand total.....\$1,286,458 88

Church members, 1,725,467.

Paid on foreign missions per member, 45 cents.

Paid on domestic missions per member, 23 cents.

Paid on foreign and domestic missions per member, 68 cents.

Paid, including Church extension, per member, 75 cents.

Receipts for China famine fund, \$13,427.87. This fund is not counted in receipts for missions.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1908-09.

Brazil Mission Conference.....	\$ 50,987
South Brazil Mission.....	14,000
China Mission Conference.....	49,396
Korea Mission.....	26,029
Japan Mission Conference.....	59,320
Mexican Border Mission Conference.....	20,173
Laurens Institute.....	2,750
Central Mexico Mission Conference.....	25,740
Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.....	24,126
Cuban Mission.....	31,268
Oklahoma Conference.....	14,500
German Mission Conference.....	4,400
Pacific Conference.....	4,840
Los Angeles Conference.....	4,850
Columbia Conference.....	6,200
East Columbia Conference.....	2,650
Denver Conference.....	5,000
Montana Conference.....	3,450
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	1,600
New Mexico Conference.....	5,000
Florida Conference.....	5,600
Western Virginia Conference.....	1,400
Louisiana Conference.....	1,000

Representative on the Pacific Coast.....	\$ 1,700
Jewish Mission.....	1,400
Expense Japanese General Conference.....	930
Missionary Training School.....	2,500
Young People's Department.....	4,500
Expense	31,000
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Total	\$406,309
Annual meeting.....	Sum sufficient
Travel of bishops.....	Sum sufficient

STATISTICS OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE BOARD, 1907-08.

	Missionaries.	Wives of Missionaries.	Native Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Members, Including Local Preachers.	Increase.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	Societies or Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Boarding Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Day Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.
China	23	23	24	25	2,190	307	53	177	2,573	32	892	27	8	4	46	533	12	20	293
Korea	14	9	.....	3	1,988	761	33	111	1,770	.....	.....	181	89	32	8	246	33	8	82
Japan	23	13	14	24	1,776	203	62	247	5,401	14	379	24	3	33	37	1,278	7	11	534
Brazil	17	16	17	11	5,368	307	73	236	2,884	43	1,830	44	5	1	.....	291	.....	.....	.....
Mexico	19	18	45	62	6,815	410	136	464	5,157	37	1,377	108	3	2	20	466	1	2	60
Cuba	14	10	11	20	2,847	482	44	176	2,847	17	675	37	.....	4	19	345	3	.....	45
Total	110	89	111	145	20,990	2,270	401	1,401	20,632	143	5,153	425	108	16	110	3,159	26	41	1,014

	School Buildings.	Value.	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Value.	Patients Treated.	Collected for All Purposes.	Church Buildings.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Total Value of Missionary Property.
China	12	\$201,807 00	1	\$14,792 00	20,901	\$ 4,319 75	23	\$ 17,000 00	14	\$ 22,926 00	\$ 257,425 00
Korea	1	4,500 00	2	1,500 00	1,852	2,380 26	5	8,000 00	7	35,000 00	49,000 00
Japan	15	81,500 00	.....	.....	.....	3,927 34	13	20,130 00	6	2,237 50	103,767 50
Brazil	22	93,000 00	.....	.....	.....	11,854 24	31	163,190 00	9	41,000 00	289,990 00
Mexico	22	90,000 00	1	6,000 00	29,653	6,505 88	74	162,772 00	34	79,785 00	348,557 00
Cuba	4	57,000 00	.....	.....	.....	11,924 85	28	106,025 00	14	2,175 00	204,723 71
Total	36	\$527,807 00	4	\$22,292 00	52,406	\$40,912 42	178	\$478,017 00	84	\$207,123 50	\$1,253,463 21

Receipts for foreign missions on regular collections, \$400,364.08; received from all sources, \$540,523.50. Increase in regular collections, \$14,525.89; increase in total collections, \$21,307.17.



M'TYEIRE HOME AND SCHOOL AND M'GAVOCK MEMORIAL.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Conference.	Name and Address.
Alabama	Mrs. J. W. Rush, Selma, Ala.
Arkansas	Mrs. Hanesworth, Clarksville, Ark.
Baltimore	Miss Nina Wilson, Baltimore, Md.
Denver	Mrs. J. C. B. Ray, Denver, Colo.
Florida	Mrs. B. F. Holland, Bartow, Fla.
Holston	Mrs. J. E. Bentley, Chestnut Hill, Tenn.
Oklahoma	Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Muskogee, Okla.
Kentucky	Mrs. Helen Forsythe, Paris, Ky.
Little Rock	Mrs. J. F. Giles, Texarkana, Ark.
Los Angeles	Mrs. W. P. Brown, Pomona, Cal.
Louisiana	Mrs. Edward Alvis, New Orleans, La.
Louisville	Miss Tula C. Daniel, Hardinsburg, Ky.
Memphis	Miss Laura Bradford, Brownsville, Tenn.
Mississippi	Mrs. A. F. Watkins, Jackson, Miss.
Missouri	Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mexico, Mo.
North Alabama	Mrs. Z. A. West, Decatur, Ala.
North Carolina	Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Wilson, N. C.
North Georgia	Miss Mary Wickle, Cartersville, Ga.
North Mississippi	Mrs. J. F. Evans, Canton, Miss.
North Texas	Miss Martha Tinnin, Kaufman, Tex.
Northwest Texas	Mrs. M. E. Bullock, Lorena, Tex., R. 1.
Pacific	Mrs. P. F. Page, Madera, Cal.
South Carolina	Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Newberry, S. C.
South Georgia	Mrs. S. W. Hitch, Waycross, Ga.
Southwest Missouri ...	Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Kansas City, Mo.
St. Louis	Mrs. J. E. Musick, St. Louis, Mo.
Tennessee	Mrs. P. A. Sowell, Franklin, Tenn.
Texas	Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Galveston, Tex.
Virginia	Mrs. Cornelia Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va.
West Texas	Mrs. Theophilus Lee, Llano, Tex.
W. North Carolina	Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Reidsville, N. C.
Western Virginia	Miss Lida G. Moore, Catlettsburg, Ky.
White River	Mrs. J. M. Hawley, Batesville, Ark.

Interesting Statistics.

Number of countries entered.....	6
Number of mission stations as follows: China, 9; Korea, 4; Brazil, 8; Mexico, 8; Cuba, 2; Indians, 1.....	32
Number of missionaries.....	79



GRANBERY COLLEGE—FRONT VIEW.

(140)

Number of helpers (native and foreign).....	220
Number of boarding schools.....	29
Number of day schools.....	38
Number of Bible women.....	172
Number of scholarships.....	475
Number of pupils and women under Christian instruction by our Board, approximately.....	6,000
Number of buildings owned by the Woman's Board.....	34
Number of rented buildings.....	12
Number in Sunday schools.....	1,055
Number of members of the Church.....	446
Value of property belonging to Woman's Board, including Scarritt Bible and Training School, but not including property in Anadarko, Okla.....	\$450,000

Literature in Circulation.

<i>Woman's Missionary Advocate</i> —number of copies in circu- lation March 1, 1908.....	20,000
Number of subscribers for <i>Advocate</i>	18,500
The increase over last year (ten months), from May, 1907, to March, 1908.....	\$ 352
(The subscriptions of this valuable paper pay all its own expenses and help to pay the expenses of the <i>Little Worker</i> , the juvenile monthly.)	
Circulation of the <i>Little Worker</i>	14,500
Number of subscribers to the <i>Little Worker</i>	14,100
Membership, including young people and juveniles.....	84,995
Amount collected and disbursed.....	225,680
Last May, including the month of March, the Treasurer reported	\$173,979
This year we report only eleven months, as the time of the Annual Meeting is earlier.	

STATISTICS OF ORGANIZATION IN HOME LAND.

Number of Conference societies.....	34
Number of districts.....	266
Number of Adult Auxiliaries.....	2,484
Number of Young People's Societies.....	342
Number of Juvenile Societies.....	1,941
Total number of societies.....	4,767
Total number of members.....	84,995

STATISTICS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1907-08.

	Missionaries.	Native and Foreign Helpers.	Total Teachers.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Total Pupils.
China	24	40	64	8	420	10	300	810
Korea	11	10	21	4	100	5	150	250
Brazil	22	50	72	6	130	6	631	761
Mexico	19	97	116	7	1,300	9	1,000	2,300
Cuba	6	12	18	2	322			322
Indian Mission		6	12	1	75			75
Total	82	215	303	28	2,347	30	2,171	4,518

	Bible Women.	Bible Schools.	Scholarships.	Hospitals.	Buildings Owned by Woman's Board.	Buildings Rented by Woman's Board.	Value of Property Owned by Woman's Board.
China	106	3	211	1	12	10	\$110,000
Korea	35	2	105	1	5	5	20,000
Brazil	13		31		5	6	120,000
Mexico	19	2	96		6	9	160,000
Cuba	1		25		1	1	27,500
Indian Mission			4		1		10,000
Scarritt Bible and Training School							100,000
Total	174	7	472	2	30	31	\$547,500

Collections during past year, \$226,192.88. Increase in collections, \$51,000. Membership, 84,995. Increase in membership during past year, 448.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

A PORTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

(1907-08.)

Our Woman's Home Mission Society is an expression by the Church of that faith in religion as a social force which makes possible the accomplishment of the ideal community, where men are truly neighbors and love each other as themselves. The growth of this conviction is manifested by the annual increase of membership and collections. The growth this year is particularly gratifying in view of the financial depression. The observance of the Week of Prayer was more universal than ever before. Eleven hundred and ninety-one auxiliaries are reported as having followed the programme sent out by the Board, which resulted in a collection of \$12,099.03. The specific object for the collection seems to have quickened the auxiliaries to greater activity, for it made possible the new building and equipment at the Vashti Industrial School.

Statistics.

Adult auxiliaries, 2,631; adult members, 57,788; young people's auxiliaries, 138; young people members, 3,247; number of brigades, 316; brigade members, 11,302; total members, 72,337. Auxiliaries organized during the year, 352; Baby Roll members, 2,306; day schools, 9; night schools, 5; students in school, 1,654; teachers, missionaries, and deaconesses, 117.

Young People's and Children's Department.

The wisdom of making a department of the young life of our organization and placing it under the special care of the Associate Secretary has been demonstrated this year by the growth of auxiliaries and the increased membership. There has been greater activity among the Young People's Societies than in any year of the past, and through the magnetism of their leader they are falling into sympathetic coöperation with the connectional work. Heretofore they have found the local work absorbing; but with the organization of study classes and reading courses, the great



VASIITI HOME AND SCHOOL, THOMASVILLE, GA.

white fields, which call for united effort, have been brought before them. The action of the Board last year by which the Juvenile Societies and the Florine McEachern Brigades were merged into one organization called "The Brigade" has quickened the child life of our body. Their collections have amounted this year to \$3,318.59, and have been devoted to the Florine McEachern Fund. The total amount raised by the children of the Church for this fund during these five years is \$12,666.12. These moneys, with the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern, now amount to \$20,166.12, and from time to time have been invested in thirteen first-class mortgages on real estate at six per cent interest, which, less that used for training one deaconess annually, has accrued and is held in bank subject to the direction of this Board. The Baby Roll has not suffered because of magnifying the work of the children between the ages of five and fifteen years. Conference and Auxiliary Third Vice Presidents have charge of this department, and have been rarely zealous. This year the collections from enrollment fees and mite boxes amounted to \$2,912.15.

Local Work.

Reports for work done in the home Churches by auxiliaries show: Visits to sick and strangers, 370,795; cottage prayer meetings and Bible-readings, 7,994; garments in good condition distributed, 113,488; needy helped, 28,167; expended on local work, \$270,433.60. The fund for the needy in many sections is augmented by the collection taken at church on communion Sabbath, which is turned over to the Home Mission Society for distribution. This gives the whole Church membership an opportunity to help those who need such ministry. This collection, while passing through the auxiliary, is not reported as part of its moneys. When the quarter's reports are made, it is deducted, and an account of only that which the women themselves have raised and expended appears in our records.

Deaconess Work.

Twenty-four deaconesses have been in the active work this year, and have made full proof of their ministry. Eight of these have been pastors' assistants. They have gone into 11,340 homes and have attended more than a thousand meetings. Thirty candidates have been at the training schools this year preparing for service. The Board has borne the expenses of twenty-one stu-

dents at a cost of \$3,261. Ten candidates will come before you for consecration this year. Many letters of inquiry come concerning the office and work of the deaconess; and as the great demand for such workers is made known there is every reason to expect a large class to come annually for consecration.

As pastors' assistants the following record is given: Total visits made, 11,340; visits received, 2,019; persons induced to attend church, 250; persons professing conversion, 105; meetings addressed, 992.

Press Department.

Our Homes continues to hold first rank among religious and philanthropic papers. Its influence is felt not only among our home mission women, but it is recognized by leaders in social service. Every issue this year has been fine, especially those bearing on child labor and immigration. The subscription list numbers 15,889. Miss Head, as Chairman of the Committee on Press Work, has planned wisely and given the society material strong, instructive, and helpful. Leaflets for adults and children have been sent out each month, and the helps given the Brigades have been invaluable. "Home Mission Programmes for the Sabbath School," "Helps for Brigades," and "City Mission Studies," issued this year, are booklets which fill a long-felt need. Five thousand copies of the *Bulletin* are sent free to auxiliaries each month.

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1908.

Number of members.....	61,035
Receipts for connectional work.....	\$ 869,191 52
Receipts for local work.....	\$1,436,418 91
Total receipts.....	\$2,305,610 43
Number of parsonages built and aided.....	2,194
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$ 210,380 33
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated	\$ 175,493 65
Number of day schools supported.....	9
Number of night schools supported.....	5
Number of pupils enrolled.....	1,654
Number of missionaries and teachers employed.....	117
Number of City Mission Boards.....	24
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	2

SOME FACTS FROM 1907-08.

The Society gave \$19,932.22 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time. Sent 739 boxes of supplies, valued at \$24,519.37.

Mountain Schools.—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.: Enrolled 352 students; thirteen teachers. Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.: Enrollment, 210; eight teachers. Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn.: Enrolled 91 students.

Cuban Schools.—The three schools for Cubans enrolled 414 children.

Korean and Japanese Schools.—Four night schools; two Co-operative Homes. Enrolled 144 students; eight teachers employed.

Ann Browder Mission Home and School, Dallas, Tex.—The Home accommodates forty inmates, and many were turned away last year. Six teachers are in charge.

Vashti Home and School, Thomasville, Ga.—For friendless girls; 56 enrolled.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial work begun at Paine for negro girls, with 190 girls in the classes.

City mission work carried on in 24 cities, 71 missionaries and deaconesses being employed.

COLLECTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

By cash.....	\$118,044 64
By voucher.....	29,864 98
For local work.....	270,433 60
Value of supplies.....	24,518 37
Grand total.....	\$442,861 59

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 3,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	35,000
Ann Browder Mission Home and School, at Dallas, Tex..	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla.....	12,300
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	7,000
Vashti Home and School, Thomasville, Ga.....	30,000
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.....	10,000
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.....	13,000
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.....	8,500
Grand total.....	\$138,800



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Miss Fannie Hann.....	" 1906	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Addie Mitchell.....	" 1907	Lindale, Ga.
Miss Maybelle Marshall.....	" 1907	Memphis, Tenn.
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Mrs. E. L. Souby.....	" 1904	Kansas City, Mo.
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STATISTICS OF THE PRINCIPAL PROTESTANT FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN THE UNITED STATES.
TAKEN FROM THE 1907 "BLUE BOOK OF MISSIONS."

	No. of Missionaries, Men and Women.	Native Workers, Men and Women.	Stations and Out- Stations.	Schools.	Pupils.	Hospitals and Dis- pensaries.	Publishing Houses.	Professing Chris- tians.	Added Last Year.	Communicants.	Income in Dollars.
African M. E. Church.....	20	284	312	10	640	.....	.....	15,500	.....	15,500	.....
American Advent Missionary Society.....	10	44	16	15	549	.....	.....	400	.....	400	\$ 16,000
American Advent Woman's Missionary Society..	6	30	.....	20	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,836
American Baptist Missionary Union.....	549	4,345	2,368	1,791	40,486	118	.....	213,289	15,626	130,902	883,160
American Bd. Commissioners for Foreign Miss..	580	4,185	1,446	1,633	66,049	.....	.....	164,000	6,464	64,178	913,159
Central American Mission.....	85	257	77	100	1,980	10	.....	3,000	608	2,798	69,073
Christian Church.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,050	.....	1,050	5,000
Christian and Missionary Alliance.....	14	18	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	700	.....	617	23,468
Christian Woman's Board of Missions.....	285	.....	90	45	4,000	.....	.....	.....	1,100	.....	244,638
Evangelical Association.....	70	100	.....	27	2,666	.....	.....	5,000	.....	3,000	204,777
Foreign Christian Missionary Society.....	38	12	16	12	300	.....	.....	1,500	.....	940	173,488
Free Baptist.....	15	20	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,100	.....	1,100	.....
Free Methodists of America.....	155	333	96	29	2,505	19	.....	15,000	1,116	8,831	255,922
Friends' Board of Missions.....	25	.....	60	100	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....
Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions.....	38	71	62	29	537	.....	.....	1,179	.....	852	31,804
German Baptist Brethren.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69,142
German Evangelical Synod, North America.....	16	131	45	.....	1,789	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,088	35,823
Gospel Missionary Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,660
Hauge's Synod China Mission.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hepzibah Faith Missionary Association.....	22	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lutheran (Free Church) Board.....	8	37	14	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,943
Lutheran General Council.....	16	300	.....	304	5,275	.....	.....	12,822	.....	6,135	68,718
Lutheran General Synod.....	35	607	.....	291	8,578	.....	.....	15,000	.....	11,820	137,208
Lutheran Church South General Synod.....	6	7	6	5	230	.....	.....	300	.....	210	11,945
Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States	810	8,526	1,387	1,987	62,598	5	.....	354,039	15,505	248,378	1,822,268
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	251	220	.....	40	3,691	5	.....	.....	1,973	17,633	623,755
Methodist Protestant Church.....	15	20	24	3	295	.....	.....	965	143	622	14,295
Methodist Protestant Woman's Foreign Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,189
National Baptist Convention.....	24	41	122	42	.....	.....	.....	8,000	320	7,000	13,000
Presbyterian Church (North).....	889	2,611	1,958	995	32,430	118	9	63,480	9,860	63,480	1,171,867
Presbyterian Church (South).....	206	293	276	51	3,471	8	2	27,531	2,182	10,824	266,317

Protestant Episcopal Board of Missions.....	163	572	256	89	5,178	7	.....	11,033	768	6,307	729,374
Reformed Church in America.....	100	550	.....	193	7,881	8	.....	5,062	371	5,062	174,464
Reformed (German) Church in the United States	47	100	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,650	219,460
Reformed Presbyterian Church Synod in N. A....	24	48	15	9	791	2	.....	400	.....	363	31,893
Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America	110	45	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100	.....
Seventh Day Adventists' General Conference.....	67	107	163	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000	.....	3,548	.....
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.....	6	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,802
Southern Baptist Convention.....	181	272	338	70	2,285	.....	.....	13,800	2,445	13,800	324,009
United Brethren in Christ.....	46	107	79	28	1,043	2	.....	4,478	339	1,455	79,071
United Evangelical Church Foreign Missions.....	8	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85,295
United Presbyterian Church of North America	172	1,140	.....	357	24,359	.....	.....	50,612	.....	19,798	262,369
Woman's Union Missionary Society of the U. S.	25	157	12	60	1,350	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,107
Total United States.....	5,200	25,602	9,453	8,409	285,950	306	11	993,340	58,820	653,441	\$ 9,067,299

GENERAL SUMMARY.

United States Societies.....	5,200	25,602	9,453	8,409	285,950	306	11	993,340	58,820	653,441	\$ 9,067,299
Great Britain and Ireland Societies.....	6,526	35,890	12,223	11,323	603,177	494	22	1,268,249	48,013	514,455	8,747,759
British Colonies Societies.....	618	18,857	4,432	3,003	119,406	15	2	549,784	469	201,556	1,118,804
Continental European Societies.....	2,571	11,618	5,396	4,265	222,960	50	4	752,953	22,306	270,782	2,785,239
Aggregate	14,915	91,967	31,504	27,000	1,231,493	865	39	3,564,326	129,608	1,640,234	\$21,719,101



ATLANTA DISTRICT COTTAGE, NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE—ORPHANS'
HOME AT DECATUR, GA.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Clear the way, then, clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Break the dead branches from the path;
Our hope is in the aftermath.
To this event the ages ran:
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for Man.
—Edwin Markham.

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ORPHANAGE.

It is located in Richmond, Va., and is owned by the Virginia Conference. It was opened September 3, 1902, with 14 orphans, and now has 101. There are four buildings and a farm of ninety acres, one mile west of Richmond. The value of the whole property is \$112,000. No endowment. The only sources of income are voluntary contributions. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$87.25. Virginia Methodism is enthusiastically interested in the Orphanage.

Rev. Arthur B. Sharpe is Superintendent. There are several matrons (cottage plan). Mr. W. H. Vincent, Capron, Va., is President; Rev. J. Wiley Bledsoe, D.D., Field Agent.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Located in Little Rock, Ark., and is the property of the three Conferences in Arkansas—the Little Rock, Arkansas, and White River. The movement for an orphanage began at the Little Rock Conference in 1897, and materialized shortly afterwards, when the stockholders of "The Woman's Industrial Home" offered to the Orphanage Board three lots of ground in Little Rock, 150 feet frontage and 160 feet deep. There was also a frame building given. There are over twenty children in the Orphanage. Twenty-three boys and girls have been put in good families.

Rev. M. B. Umstead is Agent and Superintendent.

METHODIST ORPHANS' HOME ASSOCIATION.

Located at St. Louis. It is the property of the St. Louis District, St. Louis Conference. It was opened in 1867 with three orphans. It is managed by a board of ladies, with an Advisory

Board. There are two Homes. The other is the Boys' Home. These boys attend the public schools. There is a school in the other home. The Board of Trustees look after finances and property and advise with the Board of Managers. Both Boards have a president, secretary, and treasurer. Mrs. John J. O'Fallon is President of the Board of Managers. There are two buildings, and the total value of the property is \$125,000. The total cost per year of an orphan is \$100.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE ORPHANS' HOME.

It is located at Vineville, near Macon, Ga. It is owned by the South Georgia Conference. It was opened in 1872 with 26 orphans. It now has 135. It has six buildings valued at \$40,000. The value of the whole property is \$60,000. It has a small endowment: \$2,000. The average cost per orphan is about \$60 per annum.

J. T. Dozier is Superintendent and Manager. Mrs. J. T. Dozier is Matron. Rev. W. A. Huckabee, of McRae, Ga., is Agent; J. J. Cobb, Secretary; C. T. King, Treasurer. There are two teachers in the school. Rev. A. M. Williams, D.D., presiding elder of the Thomasville District, is President of the Board of Trustees. R. F. Burden, of Macon, is Chairman of the local Board. While the Home is under the control of the Conference, it is undenominational in its benefits.

EPWORTH ORPHANAGE.

Located at Columbia, S. C., and owned by the South Carolina Conference. It was established in January, 1896, with about one dozen orphans. It now has 170, with capacity for 200. It has twelve brick and nine wooden buildings. The buildings are valued at \$50,000. Endowment, \$20,000. The value of the whole property is placed at \$132,000. The cottage plan, with central dining room, has been most successfully adopted. The Orphanage has a graded school, with a ten-grade system and five teachers. Industrial training also is given to the orphans. The sources of support are voluntary contributions. The Conference is deeply interested in the Orphanage. The cost per year of an orphan is \$72.

Rev. W. B. Wharton is Superintendent, and also acts as Agent and Treasurer. There is no chief matron. Each home has a matron, who reports to the Superintendent. Edward Ehrlich is President of the Board of Trustees.

There is a marble yard, and also a printing office. There are farm industries for the boys, and domestic work for the girls.

ALABAMA METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Located at Summerfield, Ala., and owned by the Alabama and the North Alabama Conferences. It was opened September 15, 1890, with two orphans. It now has 80. It has sheltered 525. It has two buildings valued at \$25,000. It has no endowment. It is supported by voluntary contributions. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$84. The attitude of Alabama Methodism to the Orphanage is very friendly and tender.

It is managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of three ministers and two laymen from each Conference. The Executive Committee is composed of two laymen—Dr. T. P. Whitley, Chairman, and H. H. Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer—and the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Selma. This committee resides in Selma, nine miles from Summerfield. The local affairs are managed by the matron, Miss Sudie V. A. Hunt. Eight years ago the Orphanage was in debt, but this has been paid, and for several years there has been a small amount over expenses. In the last seven years about \$4,000 has been expended for repairs and furnishing. Most of this was sent to the matron as voluntary contributions, sent in answer to appeals made by the matron in the *Christian Advocate*. In the sixteen years there have been twelve deaths, but most of these were hopelessly diseased when taken into the Home.

METHODIST ORPHANS' HOME.

It is located in Louisville, Ky., and is the property of the Louisville and the Kentucky Conferences. It was incorporated March 18, 1871. There are 30 orphans now in the Home. The total value of the property is \$82,814. Endowment fund, \$45,632.57. The sources of income are voluntary contributions. A collection is taken in every Sunday school of the two Conferences on every fifth Sunday with great success. The workday plan was used in September, 1905, with success. The Home can accommodate 125 children. Children are placed out in good homes after very careful examination through resident committees, etc. The Home is responsible, legally, only until the age of eighteen. The Home is now in the best condition in every way in its history.

Rev. E. S. Boswell is Agent and Miss L. Y. Nadal Matron. H.

Wirgman is the President of the Board of Directors. There have been only four deaths in ten years.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

It is located at Raleigh, N. C., and is owned by the North Carolina Conference. It was opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1900, with one orphan. It now has about 131.

There are two buildings, valued at \$55,000. Value of all property, \$80,000. Endowment, \$23,000. The sources of income are voluntary contributions, gifts by the Sunday schools, and the Conference assessment, which is 10 per cent of the preacher's salary on each charge. The latter plan works well. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$80. The attitude of the Conference to the Orphanage is one of tender interest.

Rev. John N. Cole is Superintendent; Mrs. Mattie A. Jenkins, Matron; Joseph G. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Olivia Breeze, Assistant Matron; Misses Lucy Reeks, Laura Breeze, and Irene Rodwell, Teachers.

LOUISIANA METHODIST ORPHANS' HOME.

This Orphanage is located at Ruston, La. It is under the auspices of the Louisiana Annual Conference. It was established in 1905, with two orphans. There are about twenty now. The Superintendent and Matron is Mrs. S. E. Savant. The Agent is Rev. C. C. Weir, Bunkie, La. The institution has two buildings, valued at \$23,000. There are forty acres of land, valued at \$2,000. The value of the whole property is about \$25,000. It has no endowment, and is supported by voluntary contributions. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$72. A new Home is to be completed early in 1909. Rev. C. C. Weir was the main spirit in establishing and developing the Home to its present stage.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Located at Waco, Tex. Property of the four Texas Conferences and the German Mission Conference. Opened in 1904 with one orphan. It has now over 100. Has had nearly 450 from the beginning. Rev. W. H. Vaughn is Business Manager; Rev. T. E. Bowman, Assistant Manager; Mrs. T. E. Bowman and Mrs. L. M. Safford are the Matrons. The school has two teachers. There

are two buildings, with 200 acres of land. The total valuation of the property is \$60,000. The source of income is the assessments for current expenses and voluntary donations. The average cost per year of an orphan is \$60.

MISSISSIPPI ORPHANS' HOME.

Located at Jackson, Miss. Is owned by the two Mississippi Conferences. It opened in 1898 with two orphans. It now has 140. The Superintendent, Agent, and Manager of the Home is Rev. W. M. Williams. There are three teachers in the school. There are six Matrons. The value of the entire property is \$95,000. There are two buildings, valued at \$60,000. The source of income is voluntary gifts from the Church. The average cost per year of an orphan is \$90. The Home was burned in July, 1904; but the new building has been completed. The land for the new Home was given by Maj. R. W. Millsaps. Nearly 500 children have been cared for in the Home. A new brick building has been completed and a steam laundry installed in same. A new dormitory for girls will soon be erected. There is no debt on the institution.

INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL.

It is located at Greeneville, Tenn., and is the property of the Home Mission Society of the Holston Conference. It was opened in 1895 with nine orphans. It has six buildings, valued at \$25,000. The value of all property is \$30,000. Its sources of income are voluntary contributions. The Holston Conference is in full sympathy with the institution.

Mrs. E. E. Wiley is the Superintendent and Treasurer; Mrs. Mary B. Sparks, Matron. The property is insured up to the law's limit.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE ORPHANS' HOME.

This Orphanage is located near Decatur, Ga., and is owned by the North Georgia Conference. It was opened in 1870 with less than a dozen orphans; there are now 219. There are 12 buildings. The value of the property is \$60,000. Its sources of income are workday collections and special collections under the Agent. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$80. The 25th day of September is set apart for all Methodists within the bounds of the North Georgia Conference to set apart the amount of a day's

work to the orphans. The plan originated with a layman and works well. Workday in 1906 in seven Southern States resulted in nearly \$30,000 to the Home. There is an endowment of \$6,800. There are 225 acres of land, valued at \$30,000.

Rev. C. A. Jamieson is Superintendent and Manager; Rev. H. L. Crumley, Agent. Mrs. C. A. Jamieson is Matron. There are four teachers. R. A. Hemphill is the President of the Board of Trustees.

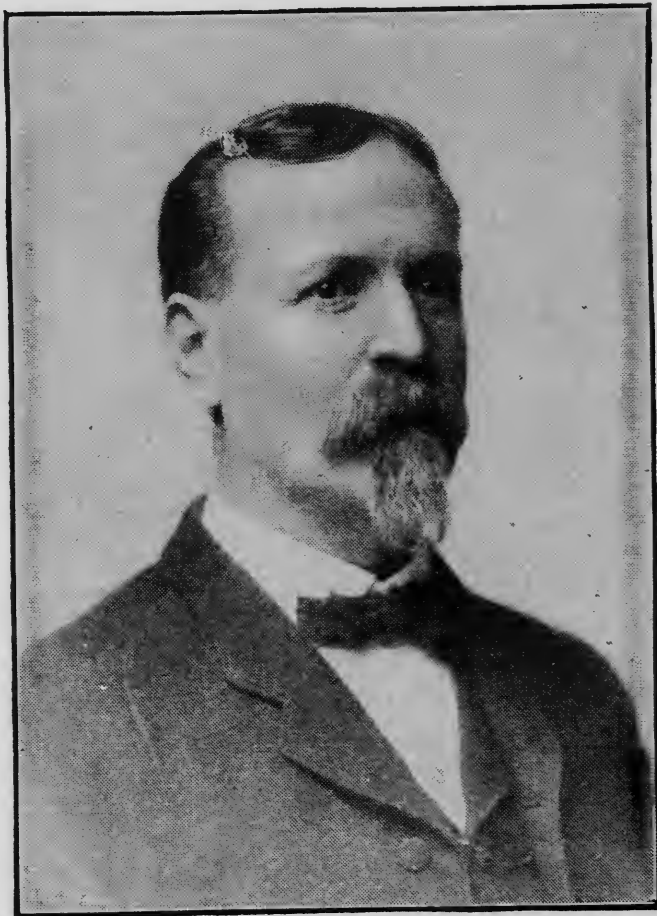
WESLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Wesley Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., is the only hospital, so far, of Southern Methodism outside of our mission fields. It had its rise in a resolution passed by the Atlanta District Conference in 1902. A lot was purchased in November, 1904, at a cost of \$17,500. The lot, which is on the corner of Auburn Avenue and Courtlandt Street, contains a large stone house of fourteen rooms and is admirably adapted to the uses of a hospital. Atlanta made a contribution of \$25,000, and the Churches of the two Conferences outside of Atlanta gave about \$5,000. A third story was added to the building, and the hospital, fully equipped, was opened and dedicated August 16, 1905. The hospital is the joint property of the two Georgia Conferences.

Indigent patients are admitted free of charge. Patients too poor to pay a surgeon or physician, but able to pay their board, may be admitted to the free ward on payment of a nominal sum of \$7 a week; two or more patients in a room, \$10 each per week. The price of private rooms is \$25 per week. The total cost of the plant is \$36,877. Since the opening of the hospital, in August, 1905, nearly one hundred patients have been treated.

MISSION HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.

MISSION FIELD.	GENERAL BOARD.			WOMAN'S BOARD.		
	Number.	Value.	Patients Treated.	Number.	Value.	Patients Treated.
China	1	\$14,972	20,901	1	11,168
Korea	2	1,500	1,852	1
Japan
Brazil
Mexico	1	6,000	29,653
Cuba



W. F. VANDIVER.

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HOMES FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The North Alabama Conference is showing deep interest in the matter of providing homes for Conference claimants. Homes for over twenty families have been provided in the last six years. The value of the homes is estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Nearly \$50,000 in wills and bequests will pass into the hands of the Conference for Homes. Rev. J. W. Norton is Agent.

In the Alabama Conference the cause has been greatly hindered during the year by the financial stringency. There are five homes occupied. The Board has adopted the plan of placing the superannuate where he wishes to live and where the people would like to have him live. Rev. Byrd L. Moore, Summerfield, Ala., is Agent.

The Louisiana Conference has just started in the enterprise of establishing homes for Conference claimants. The deed to some lots in Ponchatoula has been made. Several persons have promised to give land in different sections of the State for superannuates. Rev. Robert W. Vaughn, at Franklin, La., was appointed some time ago to secure donations of lands.

The North Mississippi Conference has in view the erection of a home in each district. So far only two districts have provided homes.

The North Georgia Conference has three homes at three points, the total value being \$5,000. Rev. W. A. Parks, of Whitesburg, Ga., and a superannuated preacher, has shown great zeal in working for the cause. He has given his time and labor voluntarily, receiving no salary. The work started by him will be prosecuted with vigor by the Conference.

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR SUPERANNUATES.

BY REV. JOHN R. STEWART, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

This connectional effort, begun more than six years ago, was the frank confession of the Church that there was still an undischarged obligation to her honored superannuates. The agitation which has since been going on has added to that general concern constantly growing more tender. The desire for a sure and sufficient sustenance for the retired preachers, the widows and their children, is annually becoming more prevalent.

Taking into account all the circumstances attending this effort, the past year has furnished facts for gratification and given ad-

ditional assurance of the permanence of this Church-wide enterprise. There has been constant growth, but it has not been as rapid as its friends could have desired. The custodian of this fund, the general Board of Trustees, has always been deeply interested in the work and jealous for the largest measure of its success. With the present cash assets reaching to one hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars, and having made a disbursement to Annual Conferences of three thousand six hundred dollars of the interest, it is confidently expected that increased activity will be manifested in the good work. This appearance of first fruits will encourage beneficiaries and benefactors to look for larger results year after year.

The business of this Board is transacted carefully. The basis of investment of the money is considered very conservative—viz., loaned on improved real estate, first mortgage, not more than forty per cent of the value of the property, the rate of interest varying with the differing rates in different States.

The Treasurer of the Board is under a ten-thousand-dollar bond, a larger amount of money than is at almost any time to be found in the bank. Funds are in demand, at a good rate of interest, too; therefore they are placed before large sums accumulate. Should it be necessary to allow the bank account to grow larger, the bond of the Treasurer will be increased.

Many of the Conferences are making small assessments for this fund, and are thus putting a better business basis underneath it. This will furnish opportunity to larger numbers of the Church membership to take part in this most needed enterprise of our Methodism.

We have very recently been sadly bereaved of strong friends of this movement in the death of Mr. W. F. Vandiver, of Montgomery, Ala., the prime mover for this fund; and of Judge John L. Nolen, of Nashville, Tenn., than whom the Board has never had a wiser or more willing worker. We deplore the loss of such men. May others, strong and useful, be drawn to us to aid in this good work!

PRESIDING ELDERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Louisville Conference.—T. L. Hulse, Columbia, Ky.; R. W. Browder, Bowling Green, Ky.; A. P. Lyon, Elizabethtown, Ky.; S. J. Thompson, Henderson, Ky.; J. W. Lewis, Hopkinsville, Ky.; B. M. Messick, Louisville, Ky.; R. F. Hayes, Owensboro, Ky.

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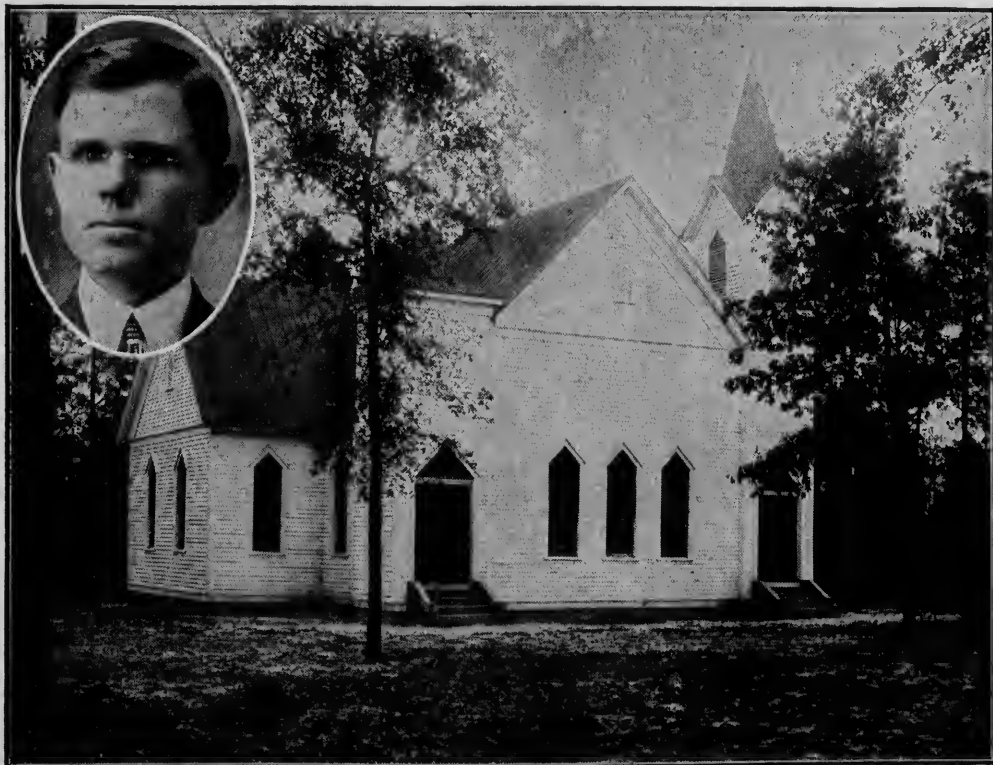
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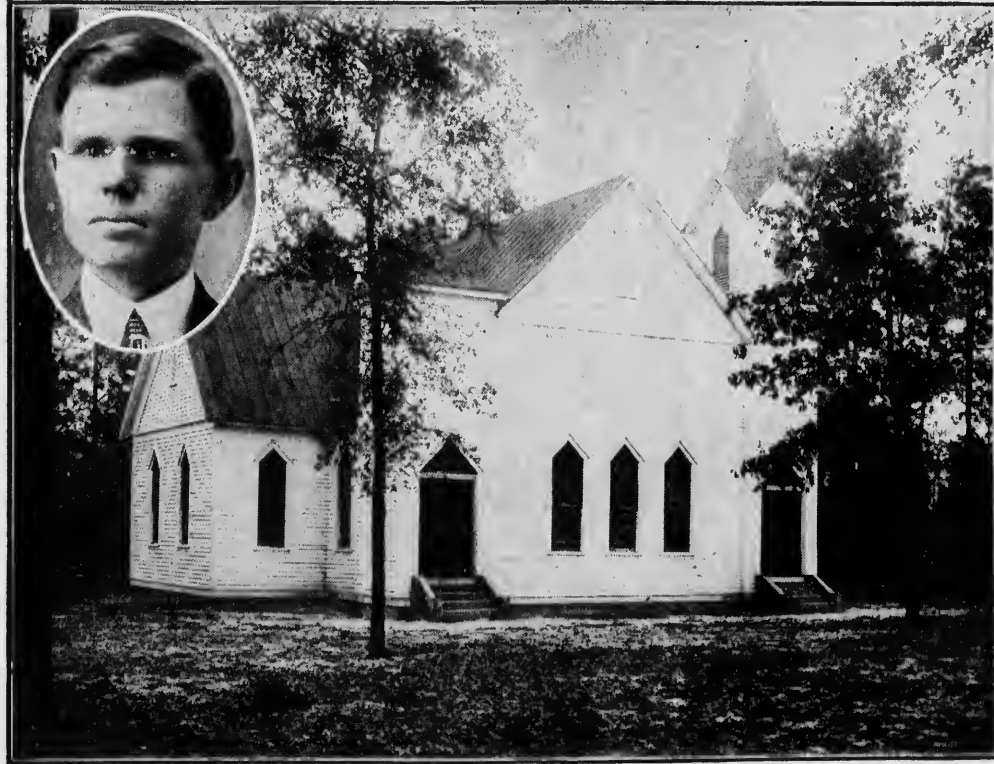
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Oklahoma Conference.—S. F. Goddard, Holdenville, Okla.; W. T. Freeman, Ardmore, Okla.; C. H. McGhee, Duncan, Okla.; C. M. Coppedge, McAlester, Okla.; Orlando Shay, Checotah, Okla.; A. L. Scales, Oklahoma City, Okla.; J. R. McDonald, Tulsa, Okla.; John W. Sims, Vinita, Okla.; W. D. Matthews, Weatherford, Okla.; J. F. Lawlis, Hooker, Okla.; C. F. Mitchell, Lawton,

Okla.; L. L. Johnson, Mangum, Okla.; W. F. Dunkle, Muskogee, Okla.; S. G. Thompson, McAlester, Okla.; J. A. Parks, Durant, Okla.

China Mission Conference.—J. B. Fearn, Shanghai, China; W. B. Burke, Soochow, China; T. A. Hearn, Huchow, China.

Mississippi Conference.—J. R. Jones, Jackson, Miss.; J. T. Leggett, Brookhaven, Miss.; W. H. Lewis, Meridian, Miss.; M. B. Sharbrough, Hattiesburg, Miss.; H. W. Featherstun, Gloster, Miss.; J. T. O'Neil, Newton, Miss.; W. B. Jones, Gulfport, Miss.; G. H. Galloway, Port Gibson, Miss.

Arkansas Conference.—F. S. H. Johnston, Fort Smith, Ark.; J. H. Glass, Conway, Ark.; J. H. O'Bryant, Conway, Ark.; J. M. Hughey, Bentonville, Ark.; W. T. Thompson, Harrison, Ark.

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Columbia Conference.—E. B. Jones, Corvallis, Oregon.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—A. R. Faris, Kansas City, Mo.; G. J. Warren, Lee's Summit, Mo.; A. H. Barnes, Marshall, Mo.; E. K. Wolfe, Carthage, Mo.; W. H. Winton, Mooresville, Mo.; W. P. Buckner, Springfield, Mo.; W. G. Beasley, Nevada, Mo.; J. A. Jared, Kansas City, Kans.

St. Louis Conference.—S. H. Wainright, St. Louis, Mo.; W. B. Hays, Farmington, Mo.; H. P. Crowe, Sikeston, Mo.; J. J. Lov-

ett, West Plains, Mo.; O. H. Duggins, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; J. R. A. Vaughn, St. Louis, Mo.

New Mexico Conference.—John B. Cochran, El Paso, Tex.; B. T. James, Hassell, N. Mex.

Montana Conference.—D. B. Price, Helena, Mont.

North Texas Conference.—J. M. Peterson, Dallas, Tex.; M. L. Hamilton, Terrell, Tex.; R. G. Mood, Greenville, Tex.; J. F. Pierce, McKinney, Tex.; W. D. Mountcastle, Sulphur Springs, Tex.; L. S. Barton, Decatur, Tex.; J. M. Sweeton, Paris, Tex.; C. M. Harless, Sherman, Tex.; D. H. Aston, Gainesville, Tex.; J. E. Roach, Bowie, Tex.; J. B. Gober, Bonham, Tex.

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White River Conference.—Z. T. Bennett, Forrest City, Ark.; C. Pope, Jonesboro, Ark.; J. F. Farris, Paragould, Ark.; A. F. Galloway, Searcy, Ark.; A. F. Skinner, Batesville, Ark.

South Georgia Conference.—J. M. Lovett, Guyton, Ga.; O. F. Cook, Macon, Ga.; L. J. Ballard, Dublin, Ga.; J. B. Johnston, Dawson, Ga.; T. B. Stanford, Columbus, Ga.; K. Read, Cordele, Ga.; J. A. Harmon, Valdosta, Ga.; W. Langston, Waycross, Ga.; E. F. Morgan, McRae, Ga.; A. M. Williams, Thomasville, Ga.

Texas Conference.—D. H. Hotchkiss, Beaumont, Tex.; A. A. Wagnon, Brenham, Tex.; E. L. Shettles, Calvert, Tex.; C. F. Smith, Houston, Tex.; H. T. Cunningham, Marshall, Tex.; H. C. Willis, Navasota, Tex.; Ellis Smith, Jacksonville, Tex.; R. A. Burroughs, Pittsburg, Tex.; C. A. Tower, Timpson, Tex.; C. B. Garrett, Tyler, Tex.

[NOTE.—The presiding elders of the Central Mexico Mission, Northwest Mexican Mission, Mexican Border Mission, and Cuban Mission Conferences are not given for the reason that before the HANDBOOK can be distributed the presiding elders appointed in the beginning of 1908 may have been changed.]

OTHER BRANCHES OF THE VINE.

Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also which believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.—*From Christ's Sacrificial Prayer.*

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Statistics.—Bishops, 32; traveling preachers, 19,430; local preachers, 14,743; members, 3,376,888; Sunday school officers and teachers, 361,667; Sunday school scholars, 3,068,248; churches, 29,765; parsonages, 13,328; deaconesses, 1,370; foreign missions, \$1,036,735; home missions, \$653,800; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$588,300; Woman's Home Mission Society, \$398,785; American Bible Society, \$36,391; paid for ministerial support, \$15,010,186.

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STATISTICS.

Number of ministers in active work, 1,346; General Conference officers and professors in colleges, 63; superannuated and supernumerary ministers, 372; evangelists, 6. Total, 1,840. Grand total ministers and probationers, 2,382.

Local preachers, 2,585; exhorters, 1,224; class leaders and assistants, 5,198; stewards, 10,526.

Sunday schools, 3,556; Sunday school teachers and officers, 35,323; scholars, 305,649. Contributed by Sunday schools for missions, \$36,166. Young People's Societies, 1,934; number of members, 79,274. Contributed by Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, \$52,549.

Churches and Parsonages.—Number of churches built during the year, 93; value, \$832,162. Number of parsonages built during the year, 49; value, \$133,284. The total number of churches now is 3,789; and of parsonages, 1,421. The total value of all Church property is \$22,842,421; members, 329,904.

WESLEYAN METHODISTS (OLD WORLD).

Preachers, 3,582; lay preachers, 30,210; members, 808,539; Sunday school scholars, 1,166,326; Churches, 16,587.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS (OLD WORLD).

Preachers, 1,156; lay preachers, 16,189; Church members, 212,204; Sunday school scholars, 465,726; Churches, 5,136.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (OLD WORLD).

Preachers, 880; lay preachers, 6,217; members, 188,854; Sunday school scholars, 324,780; Churches, 3,117.

AUSTRALASIA METHODIST CHURCH.

Preachers, 959; lay preachers, 4,441; members, 144,875; Sunday school scholars, 232,048; Churches, 6,106.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF JAPAN.

Organized in May, 1907. Two Conferences: East and West. Statistics for West Conference: Preachers, 47; full members, 3,441; local preachers, 35; baptisms, 1,068; churches, 28; parsonages, 19; value of churches and parsonages, \$167,764; Sunday school scholars, 11,136; ministerial support, \$22,743; benevolences, \$1,906.59. Statistics for both Conferences: Members, 15,000; adherents, 25,000; preachers, 160; missionaries, 200; pupils in schools, 7,000; self-supporting Churches, 16.

SUMMARY OF METHODISMS IN THE UNITED STATES.

DENOMINATIONS.	Ministers.	Churches.	Communi- cants.
1. Union Amer. Methodist Episcopal..	138	255	18,500
2. African Methodist Episcopal.....	6,070	6,815	850,000
3. African Union Methodist Protestant.	200	125	4,000
4. African Methodist Episcopal Zion...	3,912	3,241	578,310
5. Methodist Protestant.....	1,551	2,242	183,894
6. Wesleyan Methodist.....	524	598	19,064
7. Methodist Episcopal.....	17,861	27,965	3,036,667
8. Congregational Methodist.....	415	425	24,000
9. Congregational Methodist (Colored).	5	5	319
10. New Congregational Methodist.....	238	417	4,022
11. Zion Union Apostolic.....	30	32	2,346
12. Colored Methodist Episcopal.....	2,673	2,619	219,739
13. Primitive	72	104	7,013
14. Free Methodist.....	1,126	1,117	31,435
15. Independent Methodist.....	8	15	2,569
16. Evangelist Missionary.....	92	47	5,014
17. Methodist Episcopal Church, South.	7,188	15,815	1,761,669
Grand total.....	42,103	61,837	6,748,563

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1907.

Compiled by H. K. Carroll, LL.D., and published in the New York *Christian Advocate* of January 23, 1908:

DENOMINATIONS.	SUMMARY FOR 1907.		
	Ministers.	Churches.	Communi- cants.
Adventists (6 bodies).....	1,569	2,544	99,298
Baptists (14 bodies).....	38,279	55,294	5,224,305
Brethren (River) (3 bodies).....	173	98	4,239
Brethren (Plymouth) (4 bodies).....	.....	314	6,661
Buddhist (Chinese).....	.....	47	.....
Buddhist and Shintoist (Japanese).....	.....	9	.....
*Catholics (9 bodies).....	15,891	12,731	11,645,495
Catholic Apostolic.....	95	10	1,491
Christadelphians.....	.....	63	1,277
Christian Connection.....	1,348	1,340	101,597
Christian Catholic (Dowie).....	104	110	40,000
Christian Scientists.....	1,336	668	85,096
Christian Union.....	201	268	17,500
Church of God (Winebrennarian).....	499	590	41,475
Church of the New Jerusalem.....	130	144	8,200
Communitistic Societies (6 bodies).....	.....	22	3,084
Congregationalists.....	5,923	5,941	699,327
Disciples of Christ.....	6,673	11,307	1,285,123
Dunkards (4 bodies).....	3,337	1,159	121,705
Evangelical (2 bodies).....	1,503	2,666	173,641
Friends (4 bodies).....	1,466	1,075	122,081
Friends of the Temple.....	4	4	340
German Evangelical Protestant.....	100	155	20,000
German Evangelical Synod.....	974	1,262	237,321
Jews (2 bodies).....	301	570	143,000
Latter-Day Saints (2 bodies).....	1,952	1,328	398,000
Lutherans (23 bodies).....	8,040	13,169	2,022,605
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant	355	351	46,000
Mennonites (12 bodies).....	1,240	701	61,690
Methodists (17 bodies).....	41,893	61,518	6,660,784
Moravians.....	129	119	17,199
Presbyterians (12 bodies).....	12,723	16,478	1,821,504
Protestant Episcopal (2 bodies).....	5,197	7,779	830,659
Reformed (3 bodies).....	1,999	2,596	430,458
Salvation Army.....	4,765	1,016	28,000
Schwenkfeldians.....	6	8	740
Social Brethren.....	17	20	913
Society for Ethical Culture.....	10	5	2,142
Spiritualists.....	.....	748	150,000
Theosophical Society.....	.....	72	2,607
United Brethren (2 bodies).....	2,168	4,359	289,652
Unitarians.....	549	473	71,200
Universalists.....	728	910	52,621
Independent congregations.....	54	156	14,126
Grand total in 1907.....	161,731	210,199	32,983,156
Grand total in 1906.....	159,430	205,985	32,355,610

*The Roman Catholic Church counts as members the whole Catholic population. Every member of the family is accounted a Catholic.

AGENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Thus man by his own strength to heaven would soar,
And would not be obliged to God for more.
Vain, wretched creature! how art thou misled,
To think thy wit these Godlike nations bred!
Those truths are not the products of thy mind,
But dropped from heaven and of a nobler kind.

—John Dryden, in "*Religio Laici*."

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Officers.—World's Committee: Headquarters, 3 Rue Général Dufour, Geneva, Switzerland; President, R. Sarasin-Warnery; Treasurer, Paul Des Gouttes; General Secretaries, Charles Fermaud, Christian Phildius. North American International Committee: General office, 124 East Twenty-Eighth Street, New York City; Chairman, L. C. Warner; Treasurer, F. B. Schenck; General Secretary, R. C. Morse; Associate General Secretaries, C. J. Hicks (home field), John R. Mott (foreign field).

Statistics.—Associations, 1,939; members, 685,356; aggregate attendance at religious meetings, 6,432,935; volumes in libraries, 519,772.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Officers.—President, Leander T. Chamberlain, D.D., West Twenty-Third Street, New York; Recording Secretaries, H. B. Chapin, D.D., and G. M. Wenner, D.D.

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Its object is the preservation of the Christian Sabbath. Organized December 12, 1888, in Washington, D. C.

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Organized June 23, 1893. Samuel H. Walker was the first President. "The object of the League is the ultimate extinction of the liquor traffic. It stands for prohibition for every foot of territory that existing public sentiment will capture and keep. To this end it bolts conventions, puts principle above party, and absolutely refuses to quarrel with any individual or agent that hates the liquor traffic."

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THE SALVATION ARMY.

"The Salvation Army and the Salvation Army Industrial Homes Company are incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. The Reliance Trading Company, incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, also operates in connection with the Army. The Salvation Army, founded by General William Booth, is a religious body organized on military principles with a view of reaching the non-churchgoing masses of the world. It was first started in July, 1865, in the East End of London as the Christian Mission. Thirteen years later it received the name of the Salvation Army. As a temperance movement, the Salvation Army has been the means of converting hundreds of thousands of confirmed drunkards. Total abstinence is a condition of member-

ship. The Army's International Headquarters are at No. 101 Queen Victoria Street, London. Its operations are carried on in 54 countries and colonies, embracing 8,055 posts, under the charge of 19,683 officers and employees, with 51,161 local officers, 21,028 brass bandmen, and about 50,000 musicians. Sixty-nine periodicals are published in 31 languages, with a weekly circulation of about 1,013,292. There are 786 social relief institutions in the world, under the charge of nearly 3,000 officers and employees. About 7,000 fallen women annually pass through the 115 rescue homes. About 1,711 ex-convicts pass annually through the prison-gate homes. There are 137 slum settlements.

"The American relief institutions for the poor now include 75 workmen's hotels and hotels for women, 9,527,241 meals supplied, 84 industrial homes for the unemployed, 138 second-hand stores, 5 labor bureaus, 3 farm colonies (with 1,761 acres of land and about 238 men, women, and children as colonists), 24 rescue homes for fallen women, taking care of 1,755 girls annually. More than 225 children are daily cared for in various institutions. Work is annually found for about 58,074 of the unemployed with outside employers. Nearly 1,000 officers and employees care for the poor. Hundreds of tons of coal and countless garments are distributed to the needy. In summer penny ice, summer camps, and summer outings have been arranged in most of the large cities. At Christmas and Thanksgiving 309,650 free dinners are given to the poor. Sanitariums for consumptives are among the most recent of the Army's works of mercy. Two Sailors' Homes have been established; also an Anti-Suicide Bureau.

"The National Headquarters of the Salvation Army are at No. 120 West Fourteenth Street, New York City. Commander Miss Evangeline Booth is in charge of the work, with Colonel William Peart as Chief Secretary."

THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Frances E. Willard founded the World's W. C. T. U. in 1883. It is now organized in over fifty nations, with a total membership of about half a million. Its last triennial convention was held in Boston October 17-23, 1906.

The National W. C. T. U. is an incorporated society, and receives bequests. Life memberships and memorial memberships of \$25 each and donations to the Frances E. Willard memorial organizing fund are gratefully received. All money should be sent to the Treasurer.

The *Union Signal* (\$1 per year) is owned and published by the National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill. The *Crusader Monthly* (25 cents per year), a paper for children and young people, with special pages designed to aid public school teachers in scientific temperance instruction, is also owned and published by the National W. C. T. U.; and forty State papers are published by as many State W. C. T. U. organizations.

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THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society is nearly one hundred years old. Its object is the translation, revision, publication, and circulation of the Bible.

The Society's work for the current year calls for an income of \$562,700 to meet the appropriations made for the home field and the foreign fields, and in the coming year this appropriation should be greatly enlarged. The Society has at the present time, in addition to its 400 auxiliary societies, seven Home Agencies covering more than 30 States of the Union. Through these agencies last year there were circulated in the United States Scriptures in more than 65 different languages. The total issues for the year ending March 31, 1908, were 1,895,941 volumes. Of these, 989,231 volumes were issued from the Bible House in New York, and 906,710 from the Society's agencies abroad. The total issues of the Society during the 92 years amounted to 82,316,323 volumes. There were employed in the work of circulation of the Scriptures during the year 43 persons in the United States of America, in addition to those employed by the auxiliary societies, and over 500 persons in the Society's agencies abroad. The average time of actual service was about six months. The total receipts of the Society during the year, omitting trust funds, amounted to \$534,020.24.

The management of the Society is vested in a Board composed of thirty-four members, of whom a number are representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Treasurer is Mr. Wil-

liam Foulke, and the Secretaries of the Society are the Rev. John Fox, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. William I. Haven, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Corresponding Secretaries, and the Rev. Henry O. Dwight, LL.D., of the Congregational Church, Recording Secretary. Upon the Secretaries and the Treasurer the chief burden of the development and prosecution of the Society's mission devolves.

Mrs. Russell Sage has proposed that if the Society will raise half a million dollars toward a permanent endowment she will contribute half a million toward the same end, so that the Society may add to its present endowment, which amounts to only \$700,000, a million dollars, in order that the current income may be supplemented and the varying receipts of each year kept more stable by the income of this permanent fund.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

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The Christian Alliance was founded in 1887. It combined with the International Missionary Alliance in 1897, and the present title was adopted. Membership consists of all professing Christians who shall subscribe to the principles of the order and enroll their names. The objects of the Alliance are stated to be: "Wide diffusion of the gospel in its fullness, the promotion of a deeper and higher Christian life, and the work of evangelization, especially among the neglected classes in distant and especially in heathen countries." Its income in 1906-07 was over a quarter of a million dollars. State auxiliary and local branches are being rapidly formed. Connected with the Alliance are the Missionary Training Institute, Institute for the Training of Home Workers, and Berachah Home. The headquarters of the Alliance are at 690-692 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

THE WORLD'S YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The World's Young Women's Christian Association was formed in 1894. Eleven National Associations are now affiliated: Great Britain, United States, Canada, Germany, Italy, France, Norway, Sweden, India, Denmark, and Hungary. The headquarters are in London; office, 26 George Street, Hanover Square, West. The Executive Committee is composed of a resident membership in

London and two representatives from America and other countries. Mrs. George W. Campbell is Chairman; Miss Clarissa Spencer, General Secretary. The second World's Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in July, 1902.

The American Committee was formed in 1886. General office, 917 Hartford Building, 140 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.; Eastern office, Room 60, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City. There are now associations affiliated with the American Committee in 552 colleges and 104 cities, with 24 State organizations. Each State holds an annual convention. The national convention occurs biennially. Each year seven conferences are held to train volunteer workers in Bible study and association work. These meet at Capitola, Cal., Asheville, N. C., Lake George, N. Y., Lake Geneva, Wis., Waterloo, Iowa, Lakeside, Iowa, and Seaside, Oregon. A training institute is conducted to prepare young women for positions as secretaries. The *Evangel*, the official organ of the Association, is published monthly at Chicago. America joins with the World's Association in observing the second week in November as a week of prayer for young women. The Student Department of the American Committee is one of the members of the World's Student Christian Federation, and the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions is also connected directly with the Student Department. Mrs. J. S. Griffith is Chairman, and Miss Mabel Cratty is General Secretary of the American Committee. Membership of local associations connected with the American Committee, 100,252.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

This Society was founded in 1825. For eighty-two years it has published and circulated, by sale or grant, books, tracts, and periodicals, representing the best Christian literature approved by all evangelical Christians, and is the almoner of their gifts to the destitute. Its total issues at home, in thirty-four languages, number over 754,957,006 copies. It has helped foreign missions, in 144 languages, dialects, or characters, to many millions of copies; in value, \$768,713.25. Its colporteurs have visited over 16,296,233 families and circulated over 16,723,724 volumes. The Society is dependent upon donations and legacies for its support. Offices, 150 Nassau Street, New York. President, William Phillips Hall, Esq.; Secretaries, George L. Shearer, D.D., John H. Kerr, D.D., and Frederic H. Andrews.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Office, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. President, Rev. Francis E. Clark, D.D., LL.D.; Treasurer, Hiram N. Lathrop; General Secretary, William Shaw.

Each Society is in some local Church, and in no sense outside. It exists simply to make the young people loyal and efficient members of the Church of Christ. It is the Church training the young. Its motto is: "For Christ and the Church." In November, 1907, there were 69,256 societies, with a membership of 3,462,800, chiefly in the United States and Canada, and in Australia, Great Britain, China, India, Japan, and in all missionary lands. It is found in about the same proportions in all the great evangelical denominations and in all their subdivisions.

The United Society is simply the bureau of information for all the societies. It prints the literature, supports one general secretary, and is the general headquarters of the work. It levies no taxes, however, and assumes no authority, but every society manages its own affairs in its own way. It is supported by the sales of its literature, badges, etc. It is managed by a board of trustees, representing the great evangelical denominations, the President being Francis E. Clark, D.D., LL.D., the founder of the society; General Secretary, William Shaw; Treasurer, Hiram N. Lathrop. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees meets quarterly to consult concerning the best interests of the Society.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

The Religious Education Association was organized on February 12, 1903, at the close of a three days' convention held in Chicago, called to consider the improvement of moral and religious education.

Its service is fourfold: Arousing the public mind to a sense of the need of religious education, and knowledge of the right methods therein; uniting the forces for religious education; promoting investigation in religious education; providing a forum and a clearing house for religious education. It now enrolls over two thousand members, including laymen, college presidents and professors, pastors, teachers, and parents, interested in the problem of reverent, scientific, effective character training. It holds great conventions and smaller conferences, publishes annual volumes and a journal, and renders service to thousands of Churches, Sunday schools, colleges, and individuals. It knows no sectarian

lines. It has no theological platform. It invites to membership all who sympathize with its purpose.

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	Ordained Missionaries.	Total Force in the Field.	Communi- cants.	Added Last Year.
Totals for 1906.	5,937	108,264	1,843,309	145,115
Totals for 1905.	5,905	107,174	1,754,182	143,193
Totals for 1900.	4,738	78,585	1,369,425	94,562

Dr. D. L. Leonard, compiler of these figures, says they are for the most part from annual reports. They show a gratifying increase. For the year 1906 there was an increase of 32 ordained missionaries only; but the table shows a gain of nearly 200 laymen, about 50 unmarried women, and 300 native helpers. The increase in the total force in the field for five years was 28,589. The increase in communicants for 1906 was 89,127, and for the five years from 1900 to 1905 it was 384,757. The number added in 1906 was nearly 2,000 larger than in 1905, and 50,553 more than in 1900, which would indicate that the growth is cumulative. This argues that the native Church is gaining a greater influence and proving faithful to the cause. Later figures, we doubt not, would show still greater progress.

Apropos to the above, we gather from other sources that the increase of members in all Protestant missions last year was 137,714. This was an increase of nine per cent. For our Church that rate of increase would mean, in round numbers, 150,000 a year. The increase in communicants for American missions alone was 66,147, or eleven per cent.

RELIGIONS.

Christianity	477,080,158
Ancestral and Confucianism.....	256,000,000
Hinduism	190,000,000
Mohammedanism	176,834,372
Buddhism	147,900,000
Taoism	43,000,000
Shintoism	14,000,000
Judaism	7,186,000
Polytheism	117,681,000

CHRISTIANITY.

Catholic Church.....	230,866,533
Protestant Churches.....	143,237,625
Orthodox Greek Church.....	98,016,000
Church of Abyssinia.....	3,000,000
Coptic Church	120,000
Armenian Church.....	1,690,000
Nestorians	80,000
Jacobites	70,000
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Total	477,080,158

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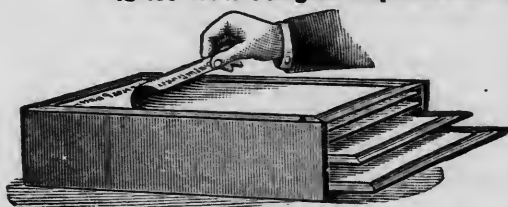
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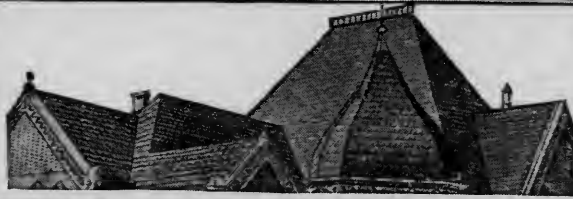
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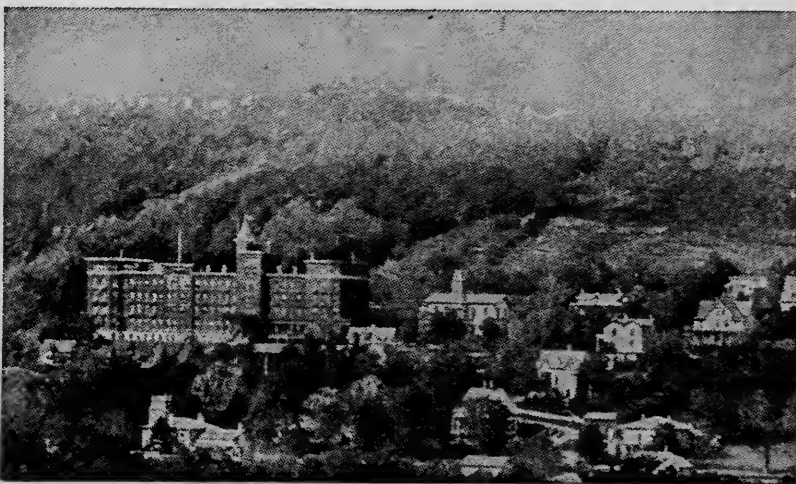
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
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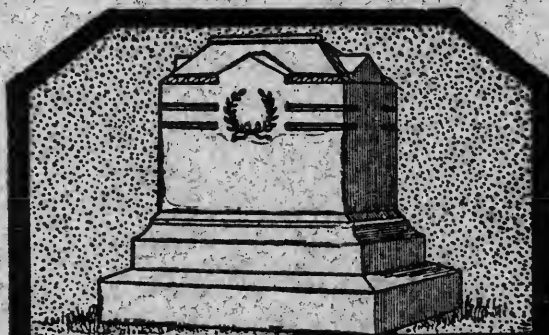
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